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U.S. won't intervene in anti-OPEC lawsuit

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Agencies) — The U.S. Justice Department has decided against becoming involved in an antitrust suit brought against oil-producing nations by the Machinists Union, Department spokesman Terrence Adamson has said.

"Since the United States is not a party in this case, the Department will not avail itself of the opportunity to present its views at this time," Adamson said.

The Union has accused the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries of violating U.S. antitrust law by agreeing to

raise prices on oil. OPEC so far has not responded to the suit.

Adamson said the government is urging OPEC "to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the United States legal system by appearing and defending their interests."

However, the contention of the 13-nation group of oil producers is that American courts have no authority to hear the case.

The suit, filed by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) last December alleges that OPEC violated U.S. anti-monopoly laws by fixing the price of its crude oil.

U.N. troops take cover in Lebanon crossfire

BEIRUT, YAHOUN, Lebanon, July 25 (R) — United Nations troops were locked in a tense confrontation with Israeli-backed militias late Wednesday after being caught in fierce crossfire.

About 30 Israeli soldiers serving with the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) had to take cover late Tuesday night when Palestinian commandos opened fire on the right-wing militiamen with armor-piercing rockets and heavy machine guns.

An Israeli officer said the rightists, only a few meters from the U.N. soldiers, fought back with tank, mortar and rifle fire.

He said a steady stream of bullets passed through his position for almost an hour and two machinegun rounds hit a U.N. armored car, but there were no casualties.

The officer said his men took no part in the fighting, which broke out shortly after lengthy negotiations failed to break a stalemate between the militiamen and the U.N. troops.

The confrontation began last week when 30 rightists, backed by an Israeli-supplied tank and armored vehicles, set up a checkpoint in the outskirts of this southern Lebanese village.

A UNIFIL statement said later the militiamen had refused to withdraw to adjacent territory under their control, and had threatened to shell U.N. areas if any action was taken against them.

La-Col. Tom Quinlan, commander of the 625-strong Irish battalion, said he was due to meet the militia commander later Wednesday night in another effort to break the deadlock.

Justice chief extolls role of Ramadan fast

TAIF, July 25 (SPA) — Minister of Justice Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sheikh has urged Muslims to defend the faith and to seek guidance from the life of the Prophet and the great men of Islam.

In a message to the people at the start of Ramadan, the minister extolled the virtues of fasting, one of the five pillars of Islam. In Ramadan, he said, Muslims discipline themselves according to the teaching of the Koran. By fasting, they strengthen their links with God and his Prophet.

Sheikh Ibrahim asked God to unite Muslims and to grant them victory over their enemies. He prayed for the long life of King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd. Sheikh Abdullah bin Humaid,

chairman of the Supreme Council of the Judiciary, also stressed the significance of fasting and said it had a unique importance. He said fasting is obligatory for every able-bodied Muslim.

The Prophet, he said, was ordered to fast during his second year in Medina. He then ordered all his followers to fast during the month of Ramadan. He lived another nine years and observed the fast every year.

On behalf of the Council, Sheikh Abdullah extended his best wishes to all Muslims.

Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasel has also urged the Muslims to embody all the good concepts of life during the holy month of Ramadan.

New plan on Jerusalem

Carter seeks Saudi support

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 25 — The Carter administration has launched a fresh initiative to win Saudi Arabia's support for U.S. Middle East peace efforts by formulating new high-priority proposals for a resolution to the question of Jerusalem, reliable sources said here.

Full details of the American proposals on the future status of the Holy City were not immediately known. But they were said to include effective Arab control over East Jerusalem.

The sources said the proposals were designed to encourage Saudi Arabia to take a more active role in efforts to broaden the Camp David peace process.

U.S. policymakers are hoping the new proposals will prompt Saudi leaders to use their good offices with other Arab parties to the Middle East dispute, and bring about a new Jordanian — and possibly the PLO — into the negotiating process.

President Carter's top Middle East negotiator, Robert Strauss, hinted at this Monday night during a reception for visiting Saudi

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Al-Josadi.

At the reception, hosted by Saudi Ambassador-designate Faisal Al-Hegelan, Strauss told "Arab News" "We'd like to find an Arab state to help us in our peace efforts."

Strauss said "problems" had cropped up in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. While he would not directly attribute the difficulties to Israel, he said "the problems are not with Egypt."

The negotiator said "we have reached the point where there's no way to achieve peace without solving the Palestinian problem."

Asked whether such a solution included the Palestine Liberation Organization, Strauss said: "We are interested in the Palestinian people." He would not elaborate.

Informed sources said Strauss and other key administration officials had now concluded that Jerusalem might hold the key to breaking the negotiating deadlock and broadening the talks.

A serious American effort to resolve the thorny question of the

Holy City's status could inspire broader Arab confidence in U.S. intentions, officials are said to believe.

But some sources were skeptical of this approach. One former official described the Jerusalem initiative as "a carrot — much like the Sinai was for Egypt."

The approach "could backfire, if the U.S. can't persuade Israel to talk about Jerusalem," the official said.

It was not known whether the Carter administration has presented its Jerusalem proposals to the Israeli government.

Meanwhile, the United States was reported to be edging closer to an open dialogue with the PLO.

According to sources in New York, a major PLO delegation is expected to visit U.N. headquarters in late September to participate in the opening of the fall session of the General Assembly.

At that time, U.S. officials are planning to hold a series of meetings with the PLO delegates, the sources said.

It was not immediately known whether PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would head the Palestinian delegation.

Bedouins hit Israeli expropriation plan

JERUSALEM, July 25 (R) — About 200 Palestinian Bedouins demonstrated outside the Israeli Knesset (parliament) in protest against the seizure of their desert pastures.

The government plans to use the pastures as sites for two new air bases.

The air bases are to be built in southern Israel's Negev desert to replace installations which must be handed over to Egypt under the

treaty. A bill introduced into the Knesset Tuesday deprived the Bedouin of any right to appeal against the seizure of their land.

Israeli officials said this was necessary because, as the "law" stood, the Bedouin could lodge legal appeals which might hold up air base construction for years.

And from Israel's point of view it was vital for the new bases to be ready by the time the old ones are handed to Egypt in three years.

time, the officials said.

The Israelis insisted that the Bedouin would still have the right to appeal against the terms of compensation after the bill was passed — but not against the actual seizure.

About 8,000 Bedouin graze their sheep and goats in the 8000 hectare area being taken over. In compensation they are being offered land only about a tenth of the size of the areas they are giving up.

Israel objects U.N. truce observers replace Sinai troops

UNITED NATIONS, July 25 (R) — The U.N. Emergency Force in Sinai (UNEF) began disbanding Wednesday after nearly six years and prepared to hand over some of its functions to U.N. military observers despite Israeli objections.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim announced Tuesday night that the mandate of the 4,000-man force, which has acted as a buffer between the Egyptian and Israeli armies, was being allowed to lapse in accordance with the wishes of the Security Council.

The Soviet Union had opposed any use of UNEF to help implement the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty signed last March. It threatened to veto any extension of the force.

As a compromise, the Soviet Union and the United States agreed to allow military observers from the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), a separate body set up in 1948, to take over some of UNEF's duties.

Israel objected, saying UNTSO was an unacceptable substitute since it was not controlled by the Council and could be pulled out by the U.N. secretary-general.

Invoking a pledge given by President Carter when the peace treaty was signed, Israel called on the U.S. to set up a multilateral force outside the U.N. to replace UNEF.

Failing that, it said, Egypt, Israel and the U.S. should work out some mutually acceptable solution.

But the U.S. said it felt UNTSO was an adequate alternative to UNEF and Egypt concurred.

Secretary-General Waldheim

Peres still opposed to statehood

CAIRO, July 25 (AP) — Israeli opposition leader Simon Peres Wednesday urged the Palestinians to join the peace process and aim for autonomy in occupied territories.

In a joint press conference with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil, Peres also stressed he is opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state and indicated he would wish the Palestinians to have autonomy under the Jordanian government.

"In the Camp David agreement, there is a say for the Palestinians, and there is a say for the Jordanians," Peres said. "Jordan can't ignore its responsibility for the Palestinians in the West Bank who are for all practical and legal reasons citizens of Jordan."

The Camp David Accord agreed to by Egypt and Israel with U.S. mediation stipulated autonomy for the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza for a five year interim period. Egypt and the Arabs would like to see the Palestinians establish in a state of their own. But Israel would rather see it federated to Jordan, claiming that an independent state might fall under Soviet influence.

Peres also said that although Israel is ready to speak to the Palestinian people, it is not inclined to do so with the Palestine Liberation Organization as long as its charter remains the same.

Asked whether Israel would speak to the PLO if the organization changed its charter, Peres answered "I would not like to answer a theoretical question in a pragmatic manner. It can create a false impression."

Prior to the press conference, Peres had two and one half hours of talks with Khalil and both men said they discussed the overall Middle East situation, including progress in bilateral relations.

Khalil told the press conference that Egypt is keen to achieve tangible results in the ongoing talks with Israel for Palestinian autonomy, and Peres noted that "if there were difficulties (among us) they are both negotiable and solvable."

The government of Prime Minister Meoahm Begin, like its opposition party led by Peres, objects to an independent Palestinian state — a solution Egypt favors after the autonomy transition.

Arafat vows revenge Zuheir Mohsen shot by gunmen in Cannes

CANNES, July 25 (Agencies) — The military operations chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization was listed in "hopeless condition" Wednesday after an assassination attempt which the PLO blamed on Israel.

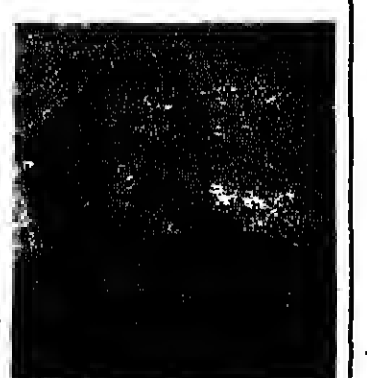
Zuheir Mohsen, 43, leader of the PLO's Saiga wing, was shot in the head at point blank range at just before midnight Wednesday as he returned to an apartment on the French Riviera, officials said.

As the French government clamped a tight lid of secrecy on the attack, St. Roch Hospital listed Mohsen as in "hopeless condition" and in a coma following a "delicate operation."

The PLO headquarters in Beirut and the PLO office in Paris both issued communiques blaming the assassination attempt on Israel and its agents. A high-ranking Syrian official made the same accusation over the state-run Damascus radio.

The PLO statement in Paris pointedly reminded the French government that the assassination attempt was only the latest in a series of killings of senior PLO officials "on French territory."

From Beirut, PLO leader Yasser Arafat dispatched a high-level delegation, including Mohsen's brother Majed, to investigate the assassination attempt and report back to him personally. Majed Mohsen and two other members of the delegation arrived in Paris Wednesday evening and flew



Zuheir Mohsen

immediately to Nice.

Mohsen had led the PLO delegation to last week's African summit in Monrovia, Liberia, where he reportedly was lobbying support to keep Egyptian President Anwar Sadat from attending the summit of non-aligned nations in Havana, Cuba, next September.

From the distraught Mrs. Mohsen, who apparently witnessed the shooting of her husband, police got a basic description of the attack.

Mrs. Mohsen opened the entry from the fourth-floor apartment on recognizing her husband, sources said.

As Mohsen was at the apartment door which Mrs. Mohsen was opening, a man hidden in a service stairway shot him in the front of the head from six feet away.

A nightwatchman saw two men flee the building.

Carter names conservative Paul Volcker as Fed chief

WASHINGTON, July 25 (Agencies) — President Jimmy Carter Wednesday named leading New York banker Paul Volcker as the new chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and described him as a man determined to fight inflation.

Volcker is president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. If approved by the Senate, he will become chairman of the Federal Reserve, which is known as the "Fed," and is America's central bank.

Volcker is considered a fiscal conservative by other economists and bankers.

Carter said in a statement that Volcker shared his own determination to fight inflation and ensure a strong dollar overseas. The dollar has taken a battering recently.

on the world's foreign exchange markets as dealers express anxiety about the American economy.

The previous chairman of the Federal Reserve, William Miller, was named last week to replace Michael Blumenthal as treasury secretary in the president's reshuffle of his cabinet.

"Mr. Volcker has broad economic and financial experience and enjoys an outstanding international reputation," Carter said. Volcker served as deputy undersecretary of the treasury for monetary affairs from 1963 to 1965 and undersecretary for monetary affairs from 1969 to 1974.

He was vice-president of Chase Manhattan Bank and its director of planning from 1965 to 1969.

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CHINESE MISSILE: The launching of a ship-to-ship missile during a battle exercise by a naval unit of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. This photo from the Xinhua news agency was received in Tokyo Tuesday.

Near Netanya

Bomb blast in Israel wounds 12

TEL AVIV, July 25 (Agencies) — Twelve persons were wounded Wednesday when a bomb exploded at a crowded bus stop at Beit Leid near Netanya, police said.

The state radio said a small charge exploded in a washroom near the bus stop at an intersection between Netanya, 30 kilometers north of Tel Aviv, and Tulkarm in the Occupied West Bank.

The intersection is usually crowded with soldiers travelling to bases in the West Bank and Palestinian laborers on their way to work inside Israel.

Palestinian commandos claimed responsibility for the bomb explosion near Netanya.

A spokesman said a commando unit planted the bomb at a military

transport station and it exploded while the station was crowded with soldiers.

The bomb had wrecked parts of the station and damaged a parked military vehicle.

The spokesman, who did not specify the organization to which the commandos belonged, said they had returned safely to base.

The Palestine news agency Wafa also said Israel-based commandos planted explosives at a power plant near Tel Aviv, damaging it and cutting off the power supply to many parts of the city.

Dayan visits Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, July 25 (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe

Two workers at the plant were wounded by the blast, Wafa added.

The commandos also planted a time bomb at the Kfar Saba settlement, east of Tel Aviv, the agency said. It added that an undetermined number of people were wounded and some shops were damaged.

Meanwhile, police have arrested a Palestinian suspected of leaving a bomb on a crowded bathing beach also in Netanya.

The report of the arrest was withheld pending investigations.

Dayan arrived at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport Wednesday for a three-day visit to the Netherlands.

During his stay, Dayan will meet with Dutch officials for talks that are expected to center on the role of the Dutch contingent in the United Nations forces in Lebanon and a number of bilateral matters.

Dutch Foreign Ministry officials said Dayan is making "a working visit" in return for the February trip to Israel by Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw. However, the Netherlands is the only country on the Israeli minister's agenda and observers said a major topic of discussion is bound to concern the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL). Holland has 830 soldiers in the six-nation UNIFIL troops, which patrol the border area in the south of Lebanon.

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Tariff talks with Bahrain

Aluminium product duty may go

JEDDAH, July 26 — Contacts are under way between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain over the possible exemption of aluminium products from customs duties.

"Al-Riyadh" paper Wednesday quoted Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, the chief executive of Saudi Basic Industries Corporation, the state organization, as saying that negotiations concerned lifting the 20 per cent protective tariff on extruded aluminium, and was initiated as a result of Saudi Arabia's recently finalizing the purchase of 20 per cent of the Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) smelter.

The protective tariff was imposed this year at the request of the Aluminium Products Company extrusion plant in Dammam. Since it began producing in August last year it had found that the prices of imported aluminium products undercut it by up to 20 per cent.

The 20 per cent surcharge also applied to the Bahrain Aluminium

Jeddah Civil Defense adopts new strategies

JEDDAH, July 25 — Jeddah Civil Defense is to establish a new system of stationing fire crews in areas of heavy traffic from dawn to dusk.

Speaking to "Al-Bilad" Wednesday, Jeddah Civil Defense chief Lieutenant-Colonel Ahmad Abdul Rahman Badr said one team would be stationed in King Abdul Aziz Street and another in the Alawi Suq in Bab Mecca.

That way firemen could reach any accident as quickly as possible, and "the sooner we reach a fire, the more chance we have of bringing it under control."

As part of the same campaign,



Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel

Extrusion Company's output. Forty per cent of its 4,000 ton a year production comes to the Kingdom. Bahrain believes that such a tariff is a barrier to free Gulf trade and is inconsistent with

the spirit of regional cooperation.

Zamel said that Alba's production of aluminium ingots is sold in advance, and world demand for aluminium is on the increase. In Saudi Arabia, too, plants that use aluminium ingots have asked for their import quotas to be increased.

Alupco, the Jeddah cable plant and other extrusion and finishing facilities need an annual 30,000 to 40,000 tons, while other industries use another 4,000.

He said that it was envisaged soon to raise Alba's production from its present 125,000 tons, 5,000 tons above its rated capacity, to 165,000 tons.

It has been reported that half the new capacity will come on stream in the spring of 1981, the other half in October of the same year.

Zamel said that the establishment of the proposed Jubail aluminium smelter by SABIC would not affect the Bahrain Plant. On the contrary, both plants would benefit from increased world demand absorbing both their outputs.

The Jubail complex, he added, would be considered next year, and if approved the plant would come on line in 1984.

"Saudi Business" reported recently that negotiations with the possible joint venture partner for the Jubail smelter, the American Southwire company, have centered around a possible production of 225,000 tons a year of ingots. Zamel said that the Kingdom's entering Alba had entailed putting the Jubail smelter on the back burner, but its interest had recently reawakened as the world aluminium market began to move more rapidly.

For development

IDB makes project loans

JEDDAH, July 25 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank is to finance projects in Somalia, South Yemen, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The bank has agreed to buy two merchant ships worth nearly six million Islamic Dinars (\$7 million) for Somalia's fleet to be used for the shipment of foreign goods and oil.

It has also made a loan of 4,408



TAIPEI: Premier Sun Yat-sen of Nationalist China shakes hands with Fouad Marzouki, the leader of the Saudi delegation to the 1979 World Invitational Taekwondo Tournament, held in Taipei recently.

In Riyadh, Jeddah

Eurosystem crash threatens hospitals

By James Buchan

JEDDAH, July 25 — A Belgian consortium despatched a team to Saudi Arabia this week to investigate how to complete two hospitals it is building for the National Guard.

The two 500-bed hospitals and related housing, under construction in Jeddah and Riyadh, have been hit by last week's announcement

in a Brussels court of the bankruptcy of the leading member of the consortium, Eurosystem Hospitalier. Eurosystem won the contract in 1976, and was joined by seven other Belgian firms.

The Belgian government is trying to save the order, which is believed to be worth over \$1 billion.

Foreign Minister Henri Simonet said Tuesday that the Brussels government was putting pressure on the seven other firms to complete the hospitals. The hospital in Jeddah is said to be on schedule but the Riyadh hospital is running late.

But Simonet said the Belgian government would not get involved in Eurosystem's financial problems. Earlier, the Saudi side at meetings in Brussels last month of the Belgian-Saudi Joint Commission had asked for government guarantees on completion of all Belgian projects — similar to an agreement in force with the Korean government. This was apparently not forthcoming.

Eurosystem's financial difficulties stem partly from the fact it was apparently undercapitalized. That problem was compounded when a Mexican subcontractor, Servicios Profesionales Construcción, fell behind on the civil works and the National Guard halted progress payments last September.

Eurosystem, a comparatively small firm in 1976, teamed up with a major Belgian arms concern, Poudreries Reunies de Belgique, to bid for the contract.

PRB, which took a 51 per cent stake in Eurosystem, last month proposed a rescue plan whereby the seven other members of the Eurosystem consortium would put up 900 million Belgian francs (\$30 million). This was not successful and as, under Belgian law, the 51 per cent ownership does not amount to full control, Eurosystem was duly declared bankrupt last Friday. Its losses were reported at 785 million Belgian francs.

According to Belgian press reports, the project employs 4,000 workers, mostly South Koreans.

Murder of Muslims

Afghanistan atrocities slammed by Haraka

RIYADH, July 25 — The Mecca-based Muslim World League Wednesday strongly denounced actions taken by the Kabul government against Muslims in Afghanistan.

"Al-Riyadh" quoted the league's secretary general, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Harakan as saying that the organization was extremely concerned about the plight of Muslims in Afghanistan.

He deplored the suffering, persecution and humiliation that be said the Muslim people of Afghanistan were subjected to.

He emphasized that the regime in Afghanistan owes its power to the presence of some 1,000 Soviet advisers.

The league's Constituent Assembly, meeting in Mecca recently, had urged the government of Nur Muhammad Taraki to return to the Islamic fold and restore the country to its historical role of an impregnable bastion of Islam.

The assembly at the same time condemned torture, execution by firing squad, air raids on refugees and the use of opium, which is banned by the world community.

Harakan noted that there were more than 3,000 Ulema and Muslim fighters in the prisons of Kabul held inhuman conditions.

The Taraki regime had slain 400 Muslim scholars and ordinary people and made more than 150,000 people refugees. Those refugees are now pursued by Soviet MiG jets along the borders with Pakistan and bombed with napalm.

He called on rich Muslims to give every assistance to those in need who fled Communism in their country.



Sheikh Muhammad Al-Harakan

He made a similar appeal to United Nations secretary general and to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, to protect Afghan refugees from further crimes and tyranny.

He urged all international bodies to help the refugees back their struggle so that Afghanistan may be established as a fortress of Islam.

Law menaces shaggy youths

JEDDAH, July 25 — Lo haired youths in Saudi Arabia have their hair cut by force and their own expense.

"Al-Medina" reported Wednesday from Taif that the Boan Religious Guidance will send squads to markets and shops catch youths with long hair.

The squads will be accompanied by teams of barbers who charge SR5 for each compulsory haircut.

Down Baha gorge

Tree prevents death fall

BAHA, July 25 — A tree saved the lives of three people recently when their car overturned and was about to fall 1,500.

The accident occurred when a man and his two children were driving along a hillside in Aqabat Beidan in the Baha governorate, about 1,500 feet up. On their way

down the ascent the brakes failed. The car turned over four times and would have fallen to the bottom of the gorge. But it hit a tree which stopped the car, saving them from almost certain death.

The father and his children were unharmed, but for bruising.

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Four-month reduction

RFK killer's sentence cut; claims Libyan asylum offer

SOLEDA, California, July 25 (AP)—Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was granted a four-month reduction in his life prison sentence Tuesday after the convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy told a parole board he has been offered asylum in Libya.

Sirhan, in a personal plea for freedom, also said he believes he is not responsible for more than one shot that was fired at Kennedy and feels his hands were forced by those who grabbed and subdued him.

Sirhan, 34, was scheduled to be paroled on March 1, 1985. With the four-month sentence reduction, he could be released in November 1984. Under California law, people sentenced to life in prison must serve a minimum term, after which a parole date is set.

A nervous Sirhan took issue with the parole board over the question of whether he shot four to five bullets which struck Kennedy and bystanders in the kitchen of the Los Angeles Ambassador Hotel.

"My hands were grabbed and held very forcefully by some monster-sized men..." Sirhan said. "I don't remember the actual happening. A melee followed... I don't feel myself to be responsible beyond that first shot."

Sirhan also said he was drunk during the killing and believes that



Sen. Robert Kennedy

if he were on trial today, he would not be convicted.

Both he and his lawyer reported that Libya and the Arab-American Committee have offered Sirhan help if he is released.

"I get Arabic literature and I am maintaining my Arabic language because I still anticipate to go back to the Arab world," Sirhan said. "I had a phone call from mom this morning. She said a plane is ready to pick me up."

Sirhan, a native of Jordan, said he was willing to accept the offer because he feels he would be safer in an Arab country than in the United States.

He indicated he still fears he could be killed in prison.

Sirhan, a Palestinian refugee who lived in Pasadena when he shot Kennedy on June 5, 1968, just after the senator had won California's Democratic presidential primary, has said he disliked Kennedy's friendship for Israel.

At various times since his 1969 conviction, conspiracy theorists have raised the possibility of a "second gun" killer, but Sirhan has never discussed such a person.

When two Los Angeles County supervisors traveled here two years ago to question Sirhan about the theory, the convicted assassin repeatedly told them of the shooting: "I can't remember. I can't remember."

Sirhan suggested then that a trip back to the scene of the crime might help jog his memory. But a judge disagreed, refusing to order such a trip for Sirhan.

"I know of no scientific evidence that returning a person to the scene revives his memory," Superior Court Judge William Hogoboom said then.

Meanwhile, one of Sirhan's lawyers, Godfrey Isaac, said the assassin has been a model prisoner who would probably be released if he were less notorious.

"He has a very good record in prison," says Isaac. "He is very well liked, and the people who know him say he's a very pleasant guy to talk to."



King Hassan

Kabul says U.S. must reduce staff

LONDON, July 25 (R)—Kabul Radio said Tuesday that Afghanistan has ordered the United States to reduce its embassy staff in Kabul to the strength it had when a pro-Marxist government took power last year.

The report, monitored in London, said that some foreign embassies had made an unwarranted increase in the diplomatic community in Kabul.

Countries other than the United States were not named. "The radio" said that the U.S. should send home "that number of officials... appointed since the revolution" in 1978.

It added that U.S. representation should be reduced in proportion to the lessening of aid from Washington to Afghanistan.

The State Department said Monday that it was preparing to send home about 100 dependents of U.S. official personnel in Kabul but would leave an embassy staff of 48.

U.S. officials in Washington said the United States has heard nothing from its embassy in Kabul to indicate that Afghanistan had requested a cut in staff.

The decision to evacuate dependents and non-essential officials was initiated by the United States because of the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, officials said.

U.S. officials said the 78 family dependents and 22 officials to be withdrawn had arrived at different times and this was unconnected with their recall.

U.S. may ease rules on arms in Morocco

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R)—The United States may ease restrictions on Morocco's use of American-made military equipment after increasing attacks by Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas, U.S. officials said Tuesday night.

Their comments followed claims by the Polisario guerrillas in Algeria that they had killed more than 200 Moroccan troops during fighting in the past week.

Formerly the Spanish Sahara, the territory was ceded by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania in 1976. But the Polisario Front has vowed to fight for the area's independence.

Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders told Congress Tuesday that U.S. policy has been to insist that arms supplied to Morocco be used only to defend the country's borders.

But he added that Polisario's intensified attacks since the beginning of the year had made the quest for peace more difficult.

U.S. officials said one option under review was a possible easing of the restrictions on Morocco's use of U.S. arms.

They said, however, that the U.S. was not considering a major expansion of arms sales to Morocco, now running at \$30 to \$40 million a year.

In an open testimony before a congressional committee, Saunders said the Polisario's decision to step up its attacks had made it more difficult for Washington "to maintain Moroccan understanding for a U.S. arms supply policy of great restraint."

"Morocco is no longer fighting to pacify a region it has annexed," he said. "It is also defending itself within its own territory against external attack."

Saunders said the U.S. had a traditionally close friendship with Morocco, and stressed that King Hassan's government played a moderating role in the Middle East.

But he refused to discuss the policy options in public before the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Africa and asked for a closed session.

The Polisario guerrillas stepped up their raids on Moroccan targets during the recent annual summit meeting of African heads of government in Monrovia, Liberia.

The summit called for a

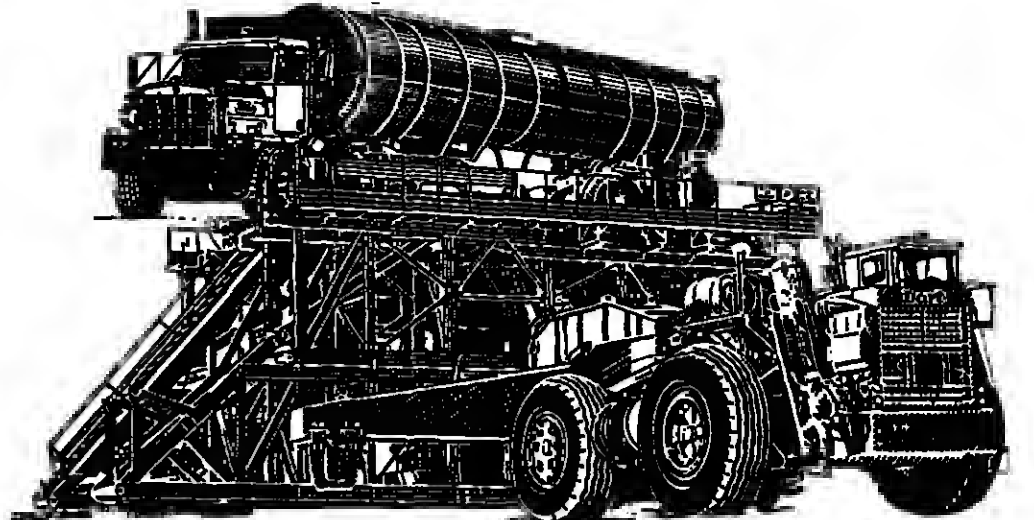
referendum within the Western Sahara to decide its future.

King Hassan has given his army written orders to carry out hot pursuit raids into the guerrillas' Algerian sanctuaries.

But the Moroccans have so far not entered Algerian territory.

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Zia hangs 4 co-defendants of Bhutto

ISLAMABAD, July 25 (R)—Four men convicted with former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of a political murder were hanged Tuesday, nearly four months after Bhutto went to the gallows.

Prison officials said two were executed in Rawalpindi District Jail and the others in prisons in Lahore and Faisalabad at dawn Tuesday.

The delay in executing the men, who were charged with carrying out the killing said to have been ordered by Bhutto, led to accusations against Pakistan's military ruler Gen. Zia that he intended

only to eliminate the ex-premier.

The four men, members of Bhutto's former Federal Security Force were hanged by relatives of Pakistan's leading executioner Tara Masih, who hanged Bhutto on April 4.

Masih, who was the target of death threats after Bhutto's execution, was taken to hospital in Lahore earlier this month. He was reported to be suffering from tuberculosis and exhaustion and was said to be in critical condition. But later reports said his condition was improving.

The hangmen Tuesday were Masih's son and nephews. They

were paid the regulation 25 rupees (\$3). The hangings were carried out on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan, when Islamic law forbids executions.

Zia had rejected mercy pleas from the condemned men.

The hanged men were Mian Muhammad Abbas, former director of operations of the disbanded federal security force and three junior officers, Sufi Ghulam Mustafa Ghazi, Arshad Iqbal and Rana Ifthikhar Ahmad.

The charges arose from an ambush in October, 1974, of a vociferous opponent of Bhutto's National Assembly Member Ahmed Raza Kasuri.

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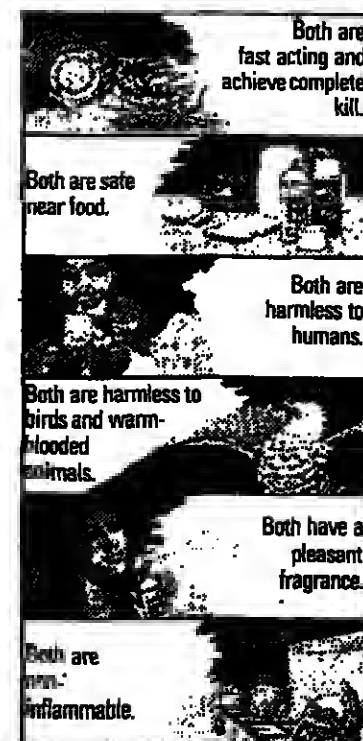
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Managua envoy due to return

Nicaragua maintains ties with U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — In an exchange of diplomatic notes, the United States and Nicaragua agreed Tuesday to continuing diplomatic relations, the State Department said.

Department Spokesman John Trattner said the exchange did not amount to a conferral of recognition on the new government by the United States.

"The question of recognition does not arise," Trattner said, referring to the Carter administration's policy that the United States recognizes countries and tries to deal with whatever governments exist in them.

In fact, the United States, through special envoy William Bowdler, began dealing with the Nicaraguan junta in Costa Rica weeks ago and has never stopped.

Trattner said Lawrence Pezullo, the ambassador to Nicaragua, will return to Managua next week, and the embassy will soon be fully staffed.

He said the United States continues to ship emergency food aid to Nicaragua, and plans to increase that aid "to the extent possible."

Thus far, Trattner said, there has been no formal request for the extradition of ex-President Anastasio Somoza, who fled to Florida last week.

The United States has made no commitment to Somoza to protect him from extradition, Trattner said. He acknowledged that the subject had arisen during Somoza's talks with American diplomats in the waning days of his regime.

The United States' 1905 extradition treaty with Nicaragua, according to Department officials, would require Nicaragua to indict Somoza and present documents showing sufficient cause for him to be tried. It prevents extradition for "political offenses."

The officials said that even if the administration were satisfied by a Nicaraguan request, Somoza undoubtedly would be able to tie the case up in legal procedures for a substantial time.



SUFFER THE CHILDREN: At a Managua refugee center, young children sit atop a truck, joining in the celebrations just after the defeat of Gen. Somoza.

Nicaragua's new interior minister Tomas Borge said Tuesday that no prisoners of war would be executed.

"We publicly pledge not to shoot any prisoner. No one has yet been shot and no one will be," he told a press conference.

He said the five-member ruling junta would allow supporters of the overthrown rightwing military government who have sought refuge in foreign embassies to leave the country as soon as possible.

Somoza supporters already out of Nicaragua can rest assured that the Frente Sandinista has no interest whatsoever in hunting them down, he added.

Asked if his pledge not to persecute those outside the country applied to Somoza, Borge said, "we have asked the United States for his extradition and we certainly will not send out death squads to a assassinate him."

This was in apparent contradiction to the State Department's position that no extradition

request had been received.

Borge, a Cuban-trained Marxist and the only founder member of the FSLN still alive denied there were ideological differences between Sandinista leaders or between the junta and the FSLN.

"There is no division or fissure between us. These are just rumours circulated by those who want to create artificial divisions in this country," he stressed.

"We are united under one common denominator which is the reconstruction of Nicaragua," he added.

The Nicaraguan government has declared a national emergency empowering authorities to recruit labor without payment, commandeer private vehicles and requisition private property for a temporary period.

The emergency decree, approved by the junta on Sunday but issued only Tuesday, will initially last 30 days but can be extended.

An official statement said the decree was aimed at speeding the country's reconstruction and ensuring peace and order after months of civil war.

It also says that businesses abandoned by their owners will revert to the state.

The decree sets penalties of three months to two years of hard labor for smugglers, black marketers, illegal currency dealers hoarders and market speculators who try to influence prices by spreading rumors.

Borge also said Tuesday manhandling bands of former National Guard troops and their sympathizers are hiding in refugee camps and going out at night on killing excursions.

Borge told a news conference that several Sandinista troops and some civilians had been killed or wounded by the bands in the past three days, but said he did not have a precise figure.

He said that families of the men have been smuggling weapons to them and that several arms have been recovered.



SCRUTINY: William Bundy, a suspect in the murders of 40 women across the U.S., examines pictures of teethmarks on the bodies of the two Florida students he was convicted Tuesday of killing.

Jury in Florida convicts man suspected in 40 U.S. killings

MIAMI, July 25 (AP) — Theodore Bundy, a handsome well-spoken former law student described by prosecutors as a cunning, savage killer, was found guilty late Tuesday on charges of murdering two university sorority sisters.

Bundy also was convicted of attempting to murder three other young women who were beaten the morning of the sorority house slayings, and was also convicted on two counts of burglary.

Bundy, 32, faces possible death in the electric chair. Under Florida law, a separate penalty phase of the trial must be held, then the jury will recommend whether Bundy should receive a life sentence or be executed.

He faces further charges in Colorado of murdering a nurse, and police there say they suspect him of a number of other murders.

Police in Bundy's home state of Washington have linked him with the disappearance of at least six college girls.

It was not clear whether Bundy would stand trial for other murders pending the sentencing hearing here.

Bundy, conducted much of his own defense.

The prosecution's case centered on teeth marks found on the body of one of his victims, 20-year-old Lisa Levy.

Bundy, 32, who once wrote a pamphlet advising women how to protect themselves, is suspected by the police and the FBI of having killed up to 40 similar looking young women and girls across the United States.

Bundy was convicted in 1975 of killing a 17-year-old girl in Salt Lake City, Utah, but he escaped from prison. He was eventually recaptured but escaped again.

Jailers here were Tuesday taking special precautions against another escape attempt. He once fled by losing so much weight that he managed to squeeze through an air vent in his cell.

One dentist told the court that one of Bundy's teeth was chipped and this made a particularly identifiable impression on the woman's body. But Bundy's girl friend said his tooth was chipped after his arrest in February 1978, a month after the Tallahassee killings.

Prosecutor Larry Simpson said the teethmarks were as valid for identification as fingerprints.

Bundy's lawyer, Margaret Good, said "It would be a sad day for our system of justice when the state can put a man's life on the line because he has crooked teeth."

Forty-nine prosecution witnesses were called in the case, including a woman who was returning to the university residence on the night of the murders.

She identified Bundy as the man she saw leaving the house wearing a ski mask and carrying a wooden club.

"He's the kind of man who's smart enough to stand up in this court... and question witnesses. He thinks he's smart enough to get away with any crime," Simpson said.

Bundy's lawyer said his client was the innocent victim of a state-run confidence game built on backward police work, optical illusions and misguided experts.

Bundy, who often questioned witnesses during the trial, listened alertly, chin on hands, to the prosecutor's final argument.

Australia to supply uranium to Britain

LONDON, July 25 (AP) — The British government, committed to a major expansion of its nuclear power capability, has signed a deal with Australia for supplies of uranium the government announced Tuesday.

At the same time, Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine said that at least 15 areas of Britain will be tested to determine if nuclear rubbish can be burned safely. Most will be in remote areas like the Highlands.

The two developments were certain to spark a major row between the government, determined to develop alternate energy sources and environmentalists and politicians critical of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's personal commitment to nuclear power.

The announcement of the borings appeared destined to exacerbate mounting fears that Britain could become riddled with nuclear garbage pits that would make the country the world's nuclear dustbin.

"This is not a program for disposal of radioactive waste. It is purely research," Heseltine said.

He stressed in a written answer to a question in the House of Commons that the tests were designed solely to find out whether underground dumping of nuclear waste was the best way of disposing of the atomic garbage from British nuclear plants.

Heseltine said it will take about 10 years before the government makes up its mind what it will do.

He gave no indication as to what quantities of uranium waste might eventually be involved.

But he emphasized that whatever method of nuclear waste disposal the government decides on, "there is no question of carrying out experiments with radioactive wastes."

Nuclear protesters have in the last two years intensified their campaign against Britain's nuclear program, including accepting nuclear waste from other countries for disposal and expanding its controversial nuclear power program.

No White House pressure

Army chief denies making deal on SALT

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — U.S. Army Gen. David Jones denied Tuesday that the United States' military leaders traded their endorsement of the SALT II treaty for a promise to build the MX missile, or that their support resulted from White House pressure.

But Jones, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said there "should be linkage" between ratification of the treaty and a commitment to modernize strategic forces, particularly deployment of the MX missile.

The best outcome, he said, "is to ratify the treaty and get on with modernizing forces. Anything else is a far distant second."

Short of that goal, he said, the

next best result would be no treaty, but modernization of forces.

Jones and other members of the Joint Chiefs defended the treaty before the Senate Armed Services Committee. They said repeatedly the nation risks falling behind the Soviet Union in strategic forces in the 1980s and must improve the U.S. arsenal of missiles, bombers and submarines.

"The most serious concern of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in this regard is the risk that SALT II could become a tranquilizer for the American people," Jones said.

If the treaty lulls the nation into complacency about the need to modernize, he said, it would be better to reject the treaty.

Sen. Carl Levin (Michigan)

asked Jones if he would support the treaty if he knew the Carter administration would not build the MX.

After a long pause, he replied. "That's a very difficult question to answer. If the United States did not proceed with the MX we'd be in serious trouble in the 1980s, more serious than anything we do on SALT."

Under questioning by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Georgia) Jones said that regardless of SALT, the United States must spend more over the next five years than is planned now. "Our growth has not been adequate to meet our defense need," he said.

"We would hope we would not repeat the mistakes we made after

SALT I," the general said.

He complained that the United States failed to do all it should have done in military research and development and deployment of strategic weapon systems.

Jones, speaking for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he was "disappointed the treaty did not achieve more than it did."

However, he called the treaty a "modest but useful step" and said it should be ratified by the Senate.

Jones said improvements in strategic forces should include deployment of the \$30 billion MX mobile missile system, installation of air-launched cruise missiles on B-52 bombers, modernization of submarine ballistic missile systems and development of a new aircraft for carrying cruise missiles.

The MX program has been delayed two years by President Carter. He announced June 8 he was going ahead with full-scale development. The administration still has not worked out all the details of how to deploy it.

Ex-premier sees Australia linked with N. Zealand

ADELAIDE, July 25 (AP) — New Zealand may have to be economically integrated with Australia by the turn of the century if it is to survive, former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said Tuesday.

"The core of New Zealand's problems is that she has always been basically an off-shore English farm," Whitlam said.

The former Labor prime minister made the remarks in a lecture in Asian studies at Flinders University.

He said economic integration with Australia may be "unthinkable" to New Zealanders, partly because they will be the last members of the Commonwealth to retain the Queen as their head of state, and partly because New Zealanders may feel to a certain extent that their economy is already subservient to Australia's.

"Nonetheless, the ultimate solutions for Australia's and New Zealand's malaises are similar," he said.

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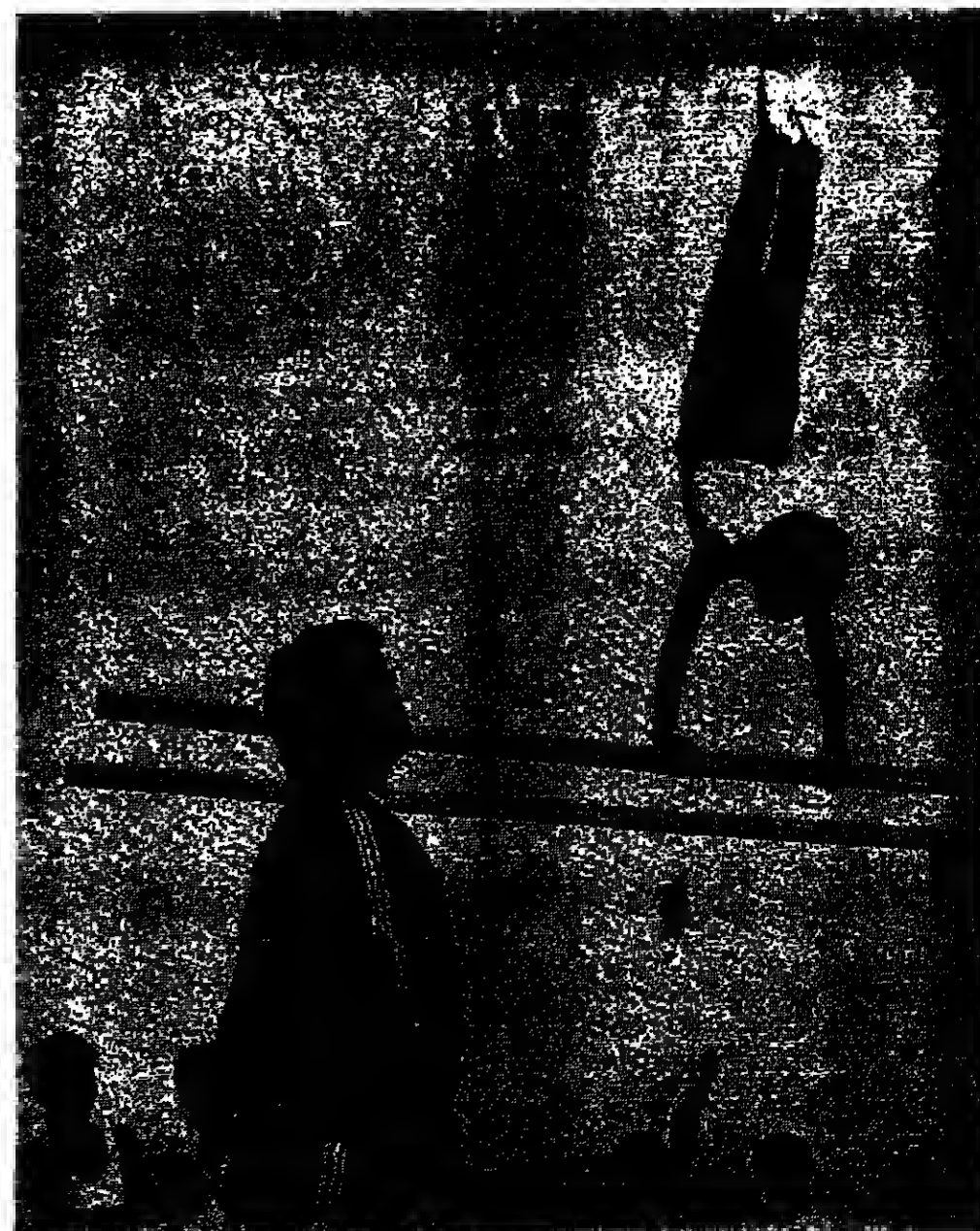
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A new search for Egypt's past

By Shyam Bhatia

CAIRO —

Workers digging a new sewage trench from Cairo into the desert at Abu Rawash were halfway through when they were abruptly ordered to stop.

Now they are back at work with a different mission: in the blistering summer heat, they are cutting a trench which it is hoped will reveal long-lost Pharaonic treasures.

The excavators are looking for the valley temple of an important but little-known Pharaoh, Dedef Ra, who ruled during the period of the Old Kingdom around 2,700 B.C. Dedef Ra was the second son of the great Pharaoh, Cheops, whose pyramid is the grandest of the three that dot the landscape at Giza, only three miles north of Abu Rawash.

Dedef Ra ruled Egypt for eight years after his father's death and he in turn was succeeded by his younger brother Chephren. When Chephren died, his own son Mycerinus became the new king of Upper and Lower Egypt. The three big pyramids at Giza are named after Cheops, Chephren and Mycerinus.

Dedef Ra is something of a mystery figure. Very little is known about how he died, or what he looked like and why his pyramid, excavated in 1925 was located some distance away from that of Cheops.

For that matter little is known about Cheops himself, although inscriptions suggest he was a powerful and wealthy Pharaoh whose rule extended far into the Western Desert, to the borders of Sinai and deep into Nubia in the south. But only one six-inch statue of him has been found.

When Dedef Ra's valley temple is fully uncovered, Egyptian archaeologists hope they will find statues of the Pharaoh himself, of his father Cheops and inscriptions that might shed light on this important period of ancient Egyptian history. There is also an unspoken hope of

finding a gold-sheathed sun ship, symbolic transport in the old days for carrying the dead Pharaoh's soul to the sun.

The excavations at Abu Rawash are being organized by the director of Giza antiquities, Nasif Mohammed Hasan, an intense, dedicated man who says Dedef Ra's valley temple is only one example of the still many undiscovered antiquities in the area of Giza and beyond.

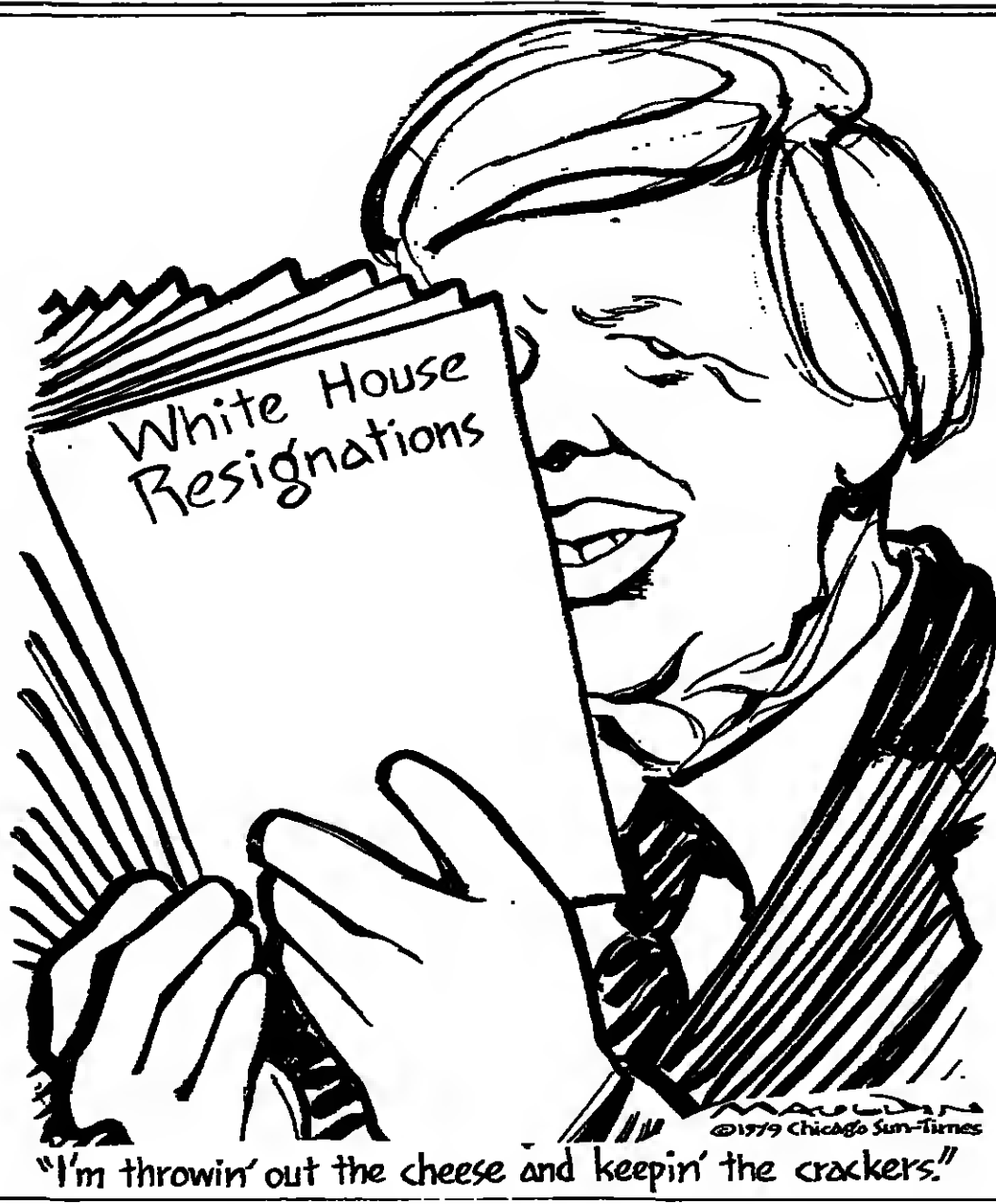
Starved of funds, he operates from a tiny, corrugated iron shack that serves both as his office and center of operations for the valley temple excavations. According to Hasan, the existence of the valley temple has been known for many years, but its precise location was pinpointed only when work began on the sewage trench.

The traditional lay-out for a pyramid, he says, was to have a valley temple to the west of the pyramid, where the Pharaoh's body was embalmed, and a mortuary temple to the east, where the body lay in state before burial. They valley temple for the Cheops pyramid has still not been found.

Although he would like to sponsor many more digs in the area, Hasan says he has to work within a very tight budget and this prevents him from being more adventurous. Major projects, like the excavations at Abu Rawash, are possible only when new houses or industrial projects are located on historical sites and the government is then forced to release funds to establish the value of what lies beneath the surface.

"We need much more money if the archaeological treasures of Giza are to be more comprehensively charted," he says. "One way might be to attract more foreign archaeologists to work in Egypt."

"What has been uncovered in Giza and elsewhere in Egypt represents only a small proportion of antiquities still waiting to be discovered." — (OFNS)



The boat people: Another tragedy for the world

By Michael Adams

LONDON —

Whatever else it did, last weekend's conference in Geneva focused the attention of many people on a tragedy which they might otherwise have ignored. The tragedy, of course, is that of the "boat people," the refugees from Indo-China who are streaming down the coasts of the South China Sea and seeking refuge among a variety of populations who for the most part want to have nothing to do with them.

For more than a year the exodus has been going on, and since the Chinese invasion of Vietnam in February of this year it has become a flood. Many of the refugees are ethnic Chinese from Vietnam; most of the rest are Vietnamese for whom the unification of the northern and southern halves of that ill-used country in 1976, in the aftermath of a generation of war, posed the difficult problem of coming to terms with a government which many of them had good cause to fear. For all sorts of reasons, some good and some bad, they preferred exile to life under the new regime. In a country which has suffered as much as Vietnam has suffered ever since World War II (and even before that) it is difficult enough for the experts to establish a balance of right and wrong, justice and injustice, loyalty and treason. For the rest of us, far from the scene and relying on information provided by others for any judgement we may try to make, it is almost impossible.

And does it matter where the balance lies? For the problem now is not one of trying to see whose fault it is that the tragedy exists; the problem is to try to see what can be done for its victims. And the

victims, whether they are Vietnamese or Chinese or Cambodians or anything else, are men and women — and children too — just like all the other refugees who have followed a sad trail away from their homes as a result of events over which most of them had no control at all. Some of them have property, others have none — but what they all lack is the security which all of us need, the security of a home where they can live their own lives free from the threat of oppression at the hands of a government or a society which has disowned them.

In recent weeks, as the world's press has woken up to the scale of the tragedy, our television screens — here in Britain, at any rate — have been full of pictures graphically illustrating the plight of these unfortunates. On beaches where they have been washed ashore or have landed surreptitiously from boats leaking and battered by storms, they live crowded together in conditions which often are barely endurable. Many of them have been attacked at sea by pirates, stripped of their belongings, beaten up, the women often assaulted. There are few horrors which they have not known, few hardships which they have not had to endure. And — what is worst — for the vast majority there is as yet no end, no refuge in sight. And that, of course, is what the conference is (was) all about.

Where are these people to go, and who is to finance the vast migration which must somehow be organized? It is tempting for those of us who are far away and who have played no part in creating the situation of which they are the victims, to leave their

problem to the neighboring countries or to those who must share the blame for the devastation which has overtaken Indochina. But most of the neighboring countries have problems of their own, problems of overcrowding and unemployment, problems of racial tension between communities different in origin or in political or religious affiliation; and these countries reject the responsibility which others have forced upon them. As for the countries which have used Vietnam as a battleground through so many years, it is surely right that they should take the lead in assuming responsibility for the refugees — but there are limits to what they can do in coping with so huge a problem.

Estimates of the numbers involved are imprecise. Their departure is not supervised, their arrival wherever possible is kept secret for fear they will be turned away — and many of them, no one knows how many, never arrive at all (or do so only as corpses) because their flimsy and ancient boats are wrecked at sea and they are washed up lifeless on the inhospitable shore. But it is estimated that a quarter of a million have landed somewhere along the coasts of south-east Asia; Hong Kong alone is receiving up to 1500 in a single day and now has nearly 70,000 crammed into its already overcrowded perimeter waiting for onward shipment to some more permanent home.

In such an emergency, surely we do not have to wait to apportion responsibility before we take joint action to provide help? And those of us who have known other refugee problems, who have watched the miserable columns with their bundles and

saucepans and their sad-eyed children, and then seen the camps in which they huddled, deprived of even the simplest of human comforts — deprived, above all, of hope — can we turn a deaf ear to this new cry for sympathy?

It was the thought of the Palestinian refugees, more than anything else, that made me reach for my chequebook the other day to answer an appeal launched by Oxfam for help for the boat people from Vietnam. As I did so, I hoped that in the Arab world, with the memory of its own tragic refugee problem, there would be many who would find it in their hearts to help these other refugees, people with whose problem the Arabs have no connection and to whom they owe nothing — nothing, that is, except the sympathy and the charity that we all owe to each other and to those in need.

There are perhaps not many places in the Arab world where these boat people could find new homes. But there are in the Arab world plenty of individuals and organizations who could afford to help feed and clothe and house the refugees, and finance their transport to the places where people are ready to take them in. If any reader of Arab News would like to make a contribution and is not sure where to address it, I shall be happy to forward any sum, large or small, to Oxfam, which I know will make good use of it on behalf of the refugees from Indochina. Just as it has done — and is still doing — with the contributions for the relief of the refugees from Palestine. Send donations to me, c/o "Ashraf Al-Awsat," 67 Gough Square, Fleet Street, London EC 4 A 3DJ.

AUTHORITY FIRST

The various rebellions for autonomy in Iran have found in the multiple authorities of the country an incentive and in the weakened armed forces a foe that they can defy. Thus the Kurds, who had for a long time served the Shah and received ample military supplies from Israel to harass the Iraqi government have now turned their guns on the Islamic republic which still suffers deeply from the pangs of birth. The Arabs in Khuzestan are also up in arms and other regions and ethnic groups seem no less restive.

The Islamic republic, which unleashed the fury of the masses to overthrow the once indomitable Shah, has so far failed to control the runaway movements for large measures of autonomy or outright secession.

For this, the revolution is to blame. It has failed to give the central government, chosen by the country's spiritual leader, enough unrivalled authority to restore law and order. Indeed, the government is so disdained as to be practically an ineffectual instrument useful only for ceremony or bureaucracy.

In such an atmosphere, and given the decimation of the army during and after the revolution and the arms littering the towns and country, it is fairly easy to challenge government authority. The militias created by the revolution to counter-balance the army and the government are no match for armed and well-entrenched tribesmen giving vent to feelings of frustration long pent-up during the regime of the Shah and his father.

Hence the chaos which is playing nicely into the hands of those who wish to destabilize the country for their own ends. Prolonged chaos will breed frustration and disgust that may well develop into a counter revolution and near anarchy. Or it may be used later on by a strong, well-organized group that can ride the crest of disorder and seize power in the name of the "downtrodden masses," as has been the case in other parts of the world.

Ayatollah Khomeini is a good and well-meaning man and he may be said to be the best thing to happen to Iran since the Muslim dynasty. His rule by Sharia is the best news for Muslims since Abdul Aziz united the Arabian Peninsula and declared Islam the state religion and constitution.

But he needs to create an orderly society based not only on individual liberties but also on respect for legally constituted authority. Without that the slide to anarchy can be hard to check.

By Kenneth Mackenzie

ANKARA —

The happy ending to the two-day siege of the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara has created a new sense of brotherhood between Turkey and the Palestine Liberation Organization. It has also boosted the image of Premier Bulent Ecevit, whose popularity in recent months had plummeted to a level comparable to Jimmy Carter's.

Four Palestinian commandos — members of the splinter group known as the Red Eagles of the Palestinian Revolution — who stormed the building after killing two Turkish police guards and then held the staff hostage for 48 hours, were eventually induced to surrender without resort to force.

What happens now to the four is a matter of intense speculation in Ankara. They were immediately whisked off for interrogation by the Turkish intelligence service, which naturally wants to know how they entered Turkey in the first place and whether they have any links with Turkish subversive organizations.

For years it has been alleged that Turkish underground factions have received training at Palestinian camps, particularly in Syria. The four attackers are held in a military prison near Ankara and seem likely to face trial in a martial law court. (At present 19 of Turkey's 67 provinces are under martial law.)

Some of the political implications of the siege are already becoming apparent. The key role played in the negotiations to release the hostages by a team of emissaries from the PLO made a deep impression on Ecevit, who not only lavished praise on their efforts but agreed to the immediate opening of a PLO office in Ankara.

Ankara siege proves a boost for the PLO

As a result Turkey has drawn closer to the Palestinians than ever before — though Ecevit makes a sharp distinction between the mainstream PLO and factions such as the Red Eagles.

The initial decision to accept a PLO presence in Turkey was made three years ago by Ecevit's arch rival, Suleyman Demirel. During the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference in Istanbul in May, 1976, Demirel — then heading the Nationalist Front coalition Government — was anxious to secure Arab support for the Turkish case on Cyprus and calculated that recognition of the PLO might be a useful move in that direction. But after the agreement in principle virtually nothing happened.

Now, as a result of the PLO's intervention in the drama at the Egyptian Embassy, a Palestinian mission is to operate in Ankara, with all that implies for Turkey's future relations with Israel, the Assad regime in Egypt and Western governments which still view the Palestinians with either reserve or repugnance.

The Ecevit Government's decision is represented essentially as a goodwill gesture to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and not as a concession to the four who seized the Egyptian Embassy. Ecevit insisted immediately after the siege that none of the terrorists' demands had

been met; these included the severance of Turkey's relations with Egypt and Israel, the release of two Palestinians in prison in Cairo and a safe passage for themselves out of Turkey.

Some confusion surrounds the two commandos in the Egyptian jail. At one point last weekend, Abu Firas, the leader of the PLO negotiating team, claimed that Cairo had agreed to release them and had then reneged on the undertaking.

President Anwar Sadat appears to be adamant that there will be no concessions. Ecevit has been evasive. The Turkish Prime Minister has also significantly refrained from expressing thanks to Sadat for Egypt's role in the negotiations. As a result, relations between Ankara and Cairo, never warm, may cool further.

But these diplomatic nuances do not detract from Ecevit's success in securing the release of the hostages — a success which he plans to exploit to the maximum at a time when his government seems close to collapse.

At the end of the embassy siege minister of the interior, Hasef Fahmi Gunes was photographed embracing and kissing one of the four attackers emerging from the building. The furor caused by the photograph — splashed on the front page of Turkey's leading right-wing daily — has reached extraordinary proportions. Demirel argues that anyone displaying such warmth to Palestinian commandos is not suited to be Turkey's Minister of the Interior at a time when terrorism is causing havoc throughout the country.

The Ecevit Government will probably stand or fall on its performance at the mid-term elections scheduled for Oct. 14, which might result in the Opposition securing a parliamentary majority. By that time the crucial issue will be, not the Egyptian embassy siege, but the state of the Turkish economy. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

Newspapers Wednesday led with the news of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month which began that day. Many of the papers commented on it and its significance for Muslims.

Continuous Israeli raids and armed incursions into Israel were also front page news. Quoting news agencies, the newspapers said that the American ambassador in Beirut had reassured President Sarkis that there would be no large scale invasion of Lebanon by Israel in the near future.

Some newspapers also frontpaged reports that Jordan was getting British Chieftain tanks for its armed forces.

Writing on Ramadan Al-Medias said that "this month is an occasion for all Muslims to return to the right path and appreciate the significance of the fast that was intended by God. It should not be an occasion for eating more and working less as a news agency correspondent claimed in a story about Ramadan." "It would be scandalous," the paper said, "if it is true that during the holy month Muslim countries import more meat and other foodstuffs than during other months."

"The idea of the month is to live sparingly, and not to indulge in gluttonous eating. It is to feel as hungry as those who are always hungry and, therefore, feel for them and strengthen the bonds between those who have and those who have not."

Dwelling on the same subject Al-Jazirah exhorted all good Muslims to give generously to charity during the holy month. "We have to give so that we may help those poor and deprived amongst us," the paper said urging donations to

the King Faisal Foundation, the Islamic Charitable Society and the Riyadh Philanthropic Society. These societies were formed to help the poor and are well organized to receive and disperse donations quite efficiently. Those who can give must do so, for this is the month of giving.

A commentary in Al-Bilad makes it clear that the Lebanese government alone cannot solve its intractable problems. "With Israel nearly supreme militarily and doing anything it wants in Lebanon by air raids of armed attacks, and the renegade commander Saad Haddad controlling a slice of territory under Israeli protection, and the right wing militias in Beirut defying the government, the situation is not at all encouraging."

The paper said the government would not solve the problem with-

out concerted Arab and international cooperation, and that otherwise the situation will become much worse than it is.

Although the United States' condemnation of Israeli raids on Lebanon were strongly worded this time, "there will be no end to these attacks if there is no joint international action to stop them," said to Okaz.

"The United States can play an effective role with Israel and must undertake the responsibility of deterring further Israeli aggression. But while the American ambassador was talking to President Sarkis about the attacks Israeli forces were again inside Lebanon."

Al-Riyadh's editorial said, "It would be unwise to maintain that Israel will always remain superior to the Arabs because its present

strength is not its own but what is supplied to it by the United States. It is true that the U.S. continues to provide Israel with power whenever it fears that the balance may be tipping against it so that it has been said that will Carter controls his advisers, Israel controls both Carter's advisers and the members of Congress.

"Thus, despite the changing patterns of world public opinion regarding the Palestinians and the many United Nations resolutions that urge the recognition of the Palestinian people, the U.S. remains deaf to all appeals even to talk to them unless Israel wants it to do so.

"Since the U.S. is a world power and because its relationships with Israel are inseparable, whatever is written about the United States will fall on deaf ears," it said.





Chess-players in a Meknes courtyard

Meknes : graceful old palaces – but few jobs

By Rosalind Ingrams

RABAT — As the train approaches Meknes, 60 kilometres south and west of Fez, the country becomes especially lush and beautiful. Orange orchards, olive groves with wheat waving beneath the trees, streams whose banks are lush with bamboo (grown for cane-work) and houses with bright gardens.

Amongst all this abundant fertility there are, too, evidences of the many mouths competing for sustenance — the bidonvilles (shanty towns) which mar so many landscapes in Morocco. The train passes by a specially big one just before stopping at Meknes station. The tin shacks and mud streets have been whitewashed by the hopeful inhabitants, but as any visitor can see there are not

enough jobs, and the young men stand idly at street corners. Not all the sports centers in Morocco, so energetically put up by the government, can cure their moody excess of leisure.

Meknes once had its moment of glory as the capital of Morocco. Geographically its position is better than that of Fez in the north for the government of the surrounding region. Even so, its greatness was brief. It was Moulay Ismail (1672-1727), a member of the Alawid dynasty which kept power from 1659 to 1912, who made of Meknes a Moroccan Versailles. It is said that this violent and extravagant man emulated his contemporary, Louis XIV.

No less than three concentric walls were flung around the town. There were immense barracks for

soldiers, prisons for 30,000 slaves, stables for 12,000 horses, great granaries, oil crushers and gardens, all disposed around the palace itself. What remains now is for the most part greatly ruined — masonry piers of brick, like ancient Roman palaces, wildly overgrown. Yet there is a certain charm in visiting these huge deserted places, such as the stables, filled in May with wild flowers and humming with bees.

The best preserved monuments of Moulay Ismail's time are the superb town gates which are recorded in every guide book. These are surely the finest in the Maghrib. Monumental in scale, they are relieved by exquisite decoration in faience, and in rich bands of worked stone. The Bab Mansur is the most celebrated, standing at the center of the busy medina. You can sip sweet mint tea opposite and gaze at its majestic presence. If you ask why the tea

it has now been made into a charming museum. It contains collections of local ceramics and embroideries and has a fine display of Berber rugs.

There is a particularly attractive room upstairs, set out in the traditional way as a majlis, a private sitting-room. Soft cushions laid on rugs in every corner, low tables, embroideries, tiled floor and dado, colored glass to cut the summer glare, a general impression of ease and coolness. The garden of Dar Jamai is as inviting as all Moroccan gardens. It was a mass of flowers and shady trees, crisscrossed by tiled paths leading to fountains and little wooden pavilions.

Before leaving Meknes the visitor should see the Madrasa Bou Inania (14th-century) not far from the Dar Jamai. More neglected than some, it yet has much charm. It was only closed in 1959. Climbing to the rooftop dis-

brilliant whiteness of the narrow streets of Sale and Rabat, lending them a strange intensity. The shadows seem bright blue. The towns are not conscious of the tourist trade, as Fez and Marrakech are. Wandering through their less sophisticated alleys is all the more interesting.

The minaret of the Tour Hassan is more or less contemporary with the minaret of the Kutubiya mosque in Marrakech (11th century). Like it, it is four-square, masculine, but lightened by the harmonious carving of interlaced arches and lozenges, in different combinations on each of its four sides. An enormous mosque was planned beside it, and half-executed, but only the foundations now remain. Instead, the lav-



Rabat's Bab Rowah : scallop shell typical of Almoravid decoration



The temple of Basilica at the Roman site (second-century A.D.) of Volubilis, outside Meknes

ish modern monument to Muhammad V stands close by.

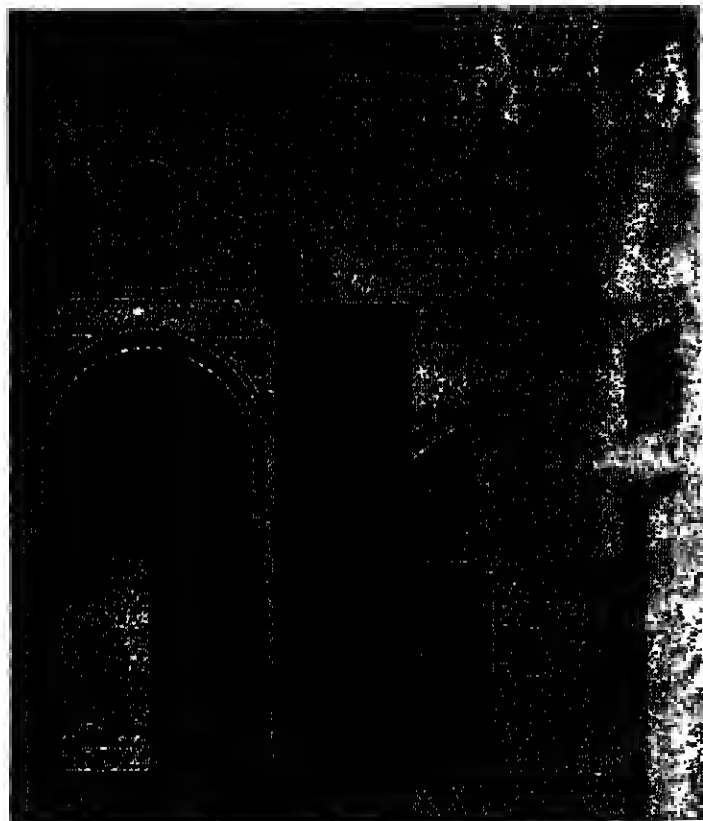
The Oudaya gardens, lying inside the handsome walls of the kasbah (i.e. citadel) are exquisite. On their further side the land drops down to the inlet of the sea into which the river, the Bu Regreg, flows. Above them, to the west, rises the in-and-out maze of the kasbah lanes and steps. To the south stand the walls with their famous gates, of Almoravid construction (12th-century). The rich but sober decoration of these is impressive.

Beautiful however as the

Oudaya is, perhaps the most memorable spot in Rabat — one of the most memorable in all Morocco — is the Chellah. The Chellah stands outside Rabat proper, being a funerary garden walled and fortified itself like a little citadel. Once through the tall castle-like portal you find yourself gazing down the slopes of a walled garden. It is an ancient and dream-like place. Carefully kept, it is yet not too neat. The flowery terraces are shaded by sombre cypresses, venerable olives and blue-flowering jacarandas.

Towards the bottom of the

slope stands a cluster of crumbling mausolea, some dating from the 14th-century. One has its own slim minaret, the turquoise tiles missing in many places and the summit occupied by an old-established stork's nest. Gnarled trees have grown up in the roofless buildings and dapple the simple worn tombs with their shadows. Here the students sit or pace, frowning over their books. When they are weary they twang on their small melancholy guitars. No-one could borrow through the Chellah. It must be sauntered in, lingered in — a haunting place.



Inside the elegant former town house of Dar Jamai



The fortified gate of the Chellah

is so very sweet the reply is: the sugar keeps the mint green.

Facing the Bab Mansur across an open space known as the Place el Hedid, is an altogether different building, the Dar Jamai. Once the

elegant town house of a rich family covers a fine view over the white-walled, green-roofed town. The recently restored minaret of the adjacent mosque glitters with faience and gold. The three superimposed globes which crown it symbolize, one is told, salt, wheat and water, that is life.

Only some 20 kilometers distant from Meknes is the one great Roman site of Morocco, Volubilis. It dates from the second-century A.D. For the layman, it has the advantage of being largely standing, a great help to the imagination. The big temple known as the Basilica is specially impressive and the mosaics in the "House of Orpheus" are in beautiful condition. Even for the non-archaeologist the site has a beauty of its own, set on the wide plain just below the dramatic hills in which the small picturesque town of Moulay Idriss is perched.

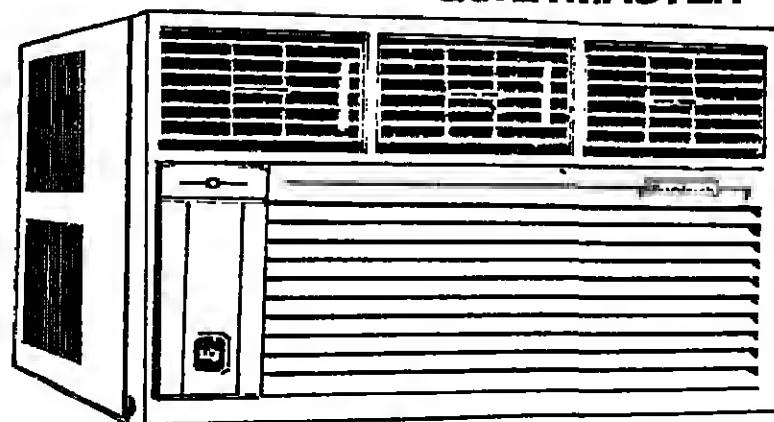
The site has been carefully cleared over the last ten years. Cypress trees watch over the ancient stones and masses of wild flowers, with attendant butterflies and lizards, keep them company. Bronze statuary of high quality was unearthed at Volubilis and is now housed in the museum at Rabat.

Rabat, the country's official capital, is a small city on the Atlantic coast. Many people imagine it to be a quasi-modern creation like Casablanca, without historic interest. But Rabat possesses superb monuments and the old medina has great charm. Furthermore, just across the river stands the little town of Sale, whose madrasa is one of the most perfect to be found. In ancient times both Rabat and Sale made their living from piracy.

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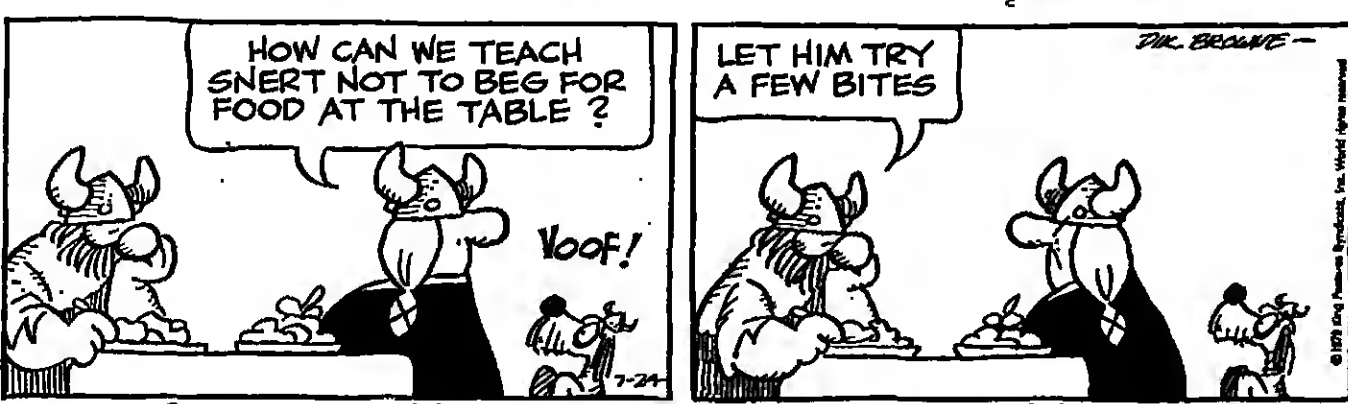
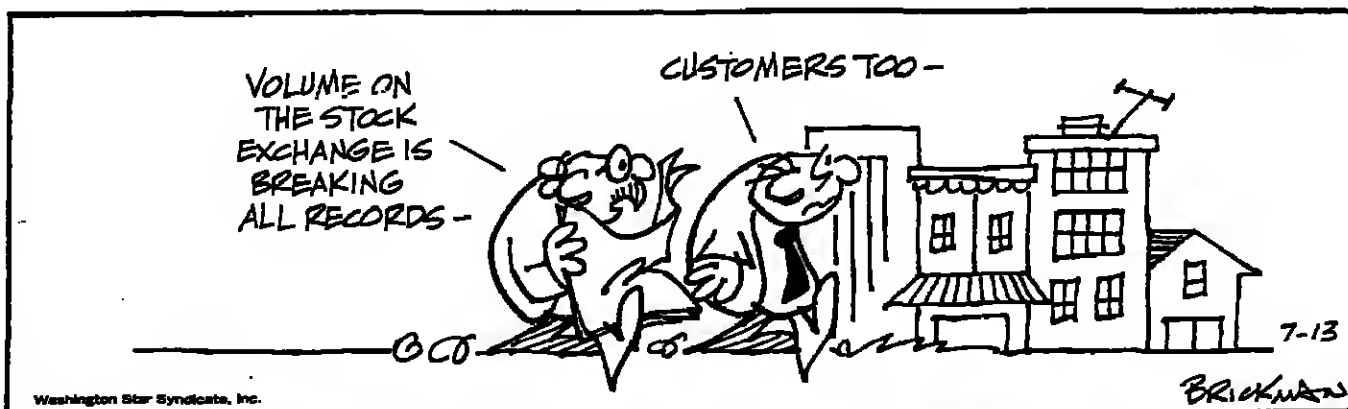
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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1. Wobbling
4. Sea product
11. Registers
14. Poem
15. Peninsula
16. Ashline
17. London
18. Famous
19. To be, Fr.
20. Midway nap
21. Informal
22. Adjective
23. Drollery
24. Man's name
25. Flem-de-
26. Cockney's
27. Helen
28. Morgan's
29. "Ordinary
30. "Men"
31. Gridiron
32. Unit: abbr.
33. Destiny
34. Italian city
35. Heartache
36. Be effective
37. Nimrod's
38. Monday title
39. Celtic deity
40. Abash
41. Form of
42. Punish
43. By line
44. Church
45. Season

DOWN
1. Aorta, for one
2. Fashion
3. Hurricane
4. Occure
5. Pounce upon
6. Wall St. term
7. Tarbell
8. Wee one
9. Last battle
10. Gourmet's
11. Street
12. Vendors
13. So on
14. Enough
15. Playing
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAKX
& LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

CNP OSFSPKKBH WZP WRAWJR
LWSDOLBR, WST CNP CZBRJ
OYWFOSWCOQ SPQZ KCPZAOHP
CNS WSWRJCOO. - PTFWZ
WRRWS GKP

Believe It or Not!



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Bridge is a Partnership Game

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 8 3
♥ K Q 8 5
♦ J 9 2
♣ Q 8 4

EAST
♠ A K 9 2
♥ 7 6
♦ K 10 8 5
♣ J 10 7 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ A J 10 8 2
♦ A 4
♣ A

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

Opening lead - four of spades.

Let's assume you're West, defending against four hearts. Choosing the right opening lead is far from clear, but let's say you decide that the best chance of stopping the contract lies in leading your singleton - even though South bid the suit.

This proves to be a lucky shot; you find partner with four to the A-K. He wins the spade with the king and recognizes your four as a singleton. But if, in his exuberance, your partner continues with the ace and

another spade, he undoes all the good done by your opening lead.

You would ruff the third round of spades, but that would be the end of the party. Declarer wins whatever you return, draws trumps, discards two diamonds from dummy on his Q-10 of spades and so makes the contract.

But if East is firing on all cylinders, he returns the spade nine, not the ace, at trick two. He thus retains spade control at the same time as he gives you ruff. This allows you to lead a low diamond at trick three to force out the ace - and thus establishes the setting trick.

East's return of the nine of spades, rather than the deuce, is consistent with the suit-preference convention. By returning the highest card he can spare in a ruffing situation, East asks you to return the higher-ranking of the two side suits - which, in this case, are diamonds and clubs.

It takes excellent defense to put South down one. West must find the killing spade lead at trick one. East must give partner the spade ruff at trick two, and West must lead a diamond at trick three. If East-West overcome these three hurdles, they have every right to congratulate themselves on a scintillating partnership accomplishment.

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PRAYER TIMES

Thursday	Fajr	Suhoor	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:31	5:57	12:33	3:51	7:05	9:07
Medina	4:24	5:46	12:34	4:01	7:11	9:11
Nejd	3:58	5:26	12:07	3:31	6:42	8:42

DHAHRAN TV

3:00 Childrens Show	Electric Co : 461, Fantastic 4 : Demon of the deep
4:18 PBA Bowling	Rolands Open, St. Louis
5:26 The Champions	C-138 Int'l Milk Freedom Games
6:06 Bonanza	Dark Shadows
6:53 Get Smart	Shipment to Beirut
7:18 The Brady Bunch Hr.	5 Rich Little
8:15 One Day at a time	The older man Part II
8:40 Music Time	Country breeze show 10
9:07 Command Performance	It shouldn't Happen to a vet

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
The northeastern, central and eastern regions are likely to remain extremely hot during the day, but the temperatures will start declining gradually in the afternoon. The coastal areas will be humid and the western and southwestern highlands partially cloudy, offering a chance of sporadic showers. Surface winds will blow mostly northerly at light to moderate speed.
Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the territorial waters.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Jeddah	37	28	Tabuk	39	24
Riyadh	45	31	Al-Jauf	41	26
Dhahran	47	29	Turaif	38	19
Medina	46	34	Rafha	45	26
Taif	38	26	Bisha	41	26
Jizan	37	32	Abha	31	20

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THURSDAY	Evening Transmission
1:00 Opening	10:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran	10:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:05 Message to the Faithful
1:10 This Week's Landmark	10:10 Light Music
1:20 Top of the Pops	10:15 NEWS
1:50 Classical Music	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	10:30 Music Worldwide
2:30 Jazz Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 The Evening Show
3:20 Islam - The Divine Truth	11:45 World of Guitar
3:30 Leaps & Bounds	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
3:40 MUSIC	12:10 MUSIC
3:50 Close Down	12:15 Nashville
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Close Down

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses
8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	News Summary
Opinion: Analyses	10:30 VOC Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
News Summary	Midnight
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents
10:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities	features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.00 World News	5.15 Report on Religion
8.09 * Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8.30 * Sarah Ward	6.15 * Outlook
8.45 World Today	7.00 World News
9.00 Newsdesk	7.09 Commentary
9.30 * Opera Star	7.15 * Sherlock Holmes
10.00 World News	7.45 World Today
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	8.00 World News
10.30 * Sarah Ward	8.09 * Books and Writers
10.45 * Something to Show You	8.30 * Take One
11.00 World News	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.09 Reflections	9.00 World News
11.15 Piano Style	9.09 News about Britain
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.00 World News	9.30 Farming World
12.09 British Press Review	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.15 World Today	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.30 Financial News	10.43 Look Ahead
12.40 Look Ahead	10.45 Ulster in Forces
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show	11.00 World News
Evening Transmission	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
1.15 Ulster in Focus	11.30 The Pleasure's Yours
1.30 Discovery	Midnight Transmission
2.00 World News	12.15 Talkabout
2.09 News about Britain	12.45 Nature
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios	Notebook
2.30 Sports International	1.00 World News
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.09 World Today
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.25 Financial News
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.35 BBOOK Choice
4.00 World News	1.40 Reflections
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 20) ♈
You may run into unexpected opposition, some rough areas. Be ready, take all with your innate common sense, and try all the harder to achieve worthwhile objectives.

Taurus (Apr. 21 to May 21) ♉
Tentatively reject uncertainties - until you have more facts and a better guarantee of success. Ask counsel of well-informed persons.

Gemini (May 22 to June 21) ♊
Favorable aspects stimulate originality, and some chance-taking - if reasonable. Don't go out on the proverbial limb, however, and DO avoid extremes.

Cancer (June 22 to July 22) ♋
Accumulate the positive in your thinking if you would make the real advancement possible now. Routine activities may be happily supplemented by some new interests.

Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
You are inclined to be extremely critical of others, but the shoe may be on the other foot now. Don't be resentful. Listen - and learn!

Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Despite possible obstacles,

you could win many benefits from this day's efforts. Take steps to launch long-range programs, to complete unfinished tasks.

Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Unique ideas, successfully presented - and at the right time - could bring new gains now. A good period, also, for making long-range plans.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 22) ♏
Channel efforts where they will serve advantageously, where your unusual talents are recognized and appreciated. Don't be led off a constructive course.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 to Dec. 22) ♐
The Sagittarius is noted for his generosity, but don't let excessive sympathy or emotions divert your attention into dubious causes. Use good judgment.

Capricorn (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20) ♑
Planetary influences beneficial, generally sponsoring new advances. A chance here to exercise your gift of enterprise, which is considerable.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) ♒
You rarely make through things in effortless fashion, but may now tend to be indifferent, careless to word or deed. Curb such inclinations.

Pisces (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) ♓
Certain suggestions must be ignored; others accepted quickly, put to discerning use. The right choice can result in a field day.

Middle East Shipping Information

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ABADAN

July 17
East Flora

ABU DHABI

July 13
East Coast
Alexander Importer II

July 14
Arya Noosh
Tomena

July 18
Fahab
City of Canterbury

July 17
Alifan

July 18
Bin Hajid
East Coast

July 19
Rolan

July 20
Taspo

July 21
Young Soldier

ADEN

July 12
Late
Vahve Vikram
Ozara Resler
Candyn
Bergen Maru

July 13
Sea Borne

ALEXANDRIA

July 18
Cerbera
Kastor
Pavlos V
Peter Schroder
Nicolao
Ariza Holwanda
Algeatayr
Annoula II
Constantis II
Eusebio
July 17
Kasinos (GR) (3105)
Kremenis
Krisen Sandwich
Espresso Cagliari
Jason
Conal
Orpheus
July 18
Froyd
Dana Frio
Alzhahra
Cordorian Dealer
El Malek Faleel
July 19
Daphne (GR) (1893)
Ossera
El Anoud
Polasagos
Lekinos
Emar
Almeria Lylas
Zabze
On Seber
Lina
Pedeleges
Shran
July 20
Conal Almaria
roha Topic
Kalyanos (GR, Oskary)
Lechistis II
Mina A.
Al Hama
Elvika
Abu El Kassem
Kotranas Village
Harris
Nicolao K.
Al Nelia
July 21
The Victoria
Egel
Aris
San Giorgio III
Muzazhangli
Agha Varvara
Hyperton
Johnny K.
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More U.S. oil firms net big 1979 first half profits

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP) — The list of big increases in oil company profits was extended Tuesday, with Gulf Oil Co. reporting a 65 per cent rise in second-quarter profits and Standard Oil Co. of Ohio (Sohio) reporting a 70 per cent boost.

The announcements came a day after those of Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), which reported a 32 per

cent profit jump, and Exxon Corp., which had a profit increase of 20 per cent in the second quarter, slightly below some analysts' predictions.

Pittsburgh-based Gulf, the fifth-largest U.S. oil company, earned \$291 million, or \$1.49 a share, in the second quarter, compared with \$176 million, or 90 cents a share, in the same quarter a

year ago. Revenues rose to \$6.1 billion in the quarter from \$4.7 billion.

In the first half, Gulf's earnings were \$540 million, or \$2.77 a share, up from \$337 million, or \$1.73 a share, a year ago. Revenue in the half rose to \$11.7 billion from \$9.6 billion.

For Sohio, based in Cleveland and ranked 14th among U.S. oil companies, second-quarter earnings were \$201.4 million, or \$1.68 a share, compared with net income of \$118.4 million, or \$1.03 a share, a year ago. Sales rose to \$1.82 billion from \$1.33 billion in the year-earlier period.

Sohio reported first-half earnings of \$368.9 million, or \$3.07 a share, up from \$160 million, or \$1.51 a share, a year ago. Sales in the half were \$3.5 billion, up from \$2.4 billion a year ago.

Gulf said most of its profit resulted from gains in foreign operations, echoing reasons given by Exxon and Amoco Monday in announcing their higher profits. Overseas sales do not come under the price controls faced by the companies in sales in the United States.

As a result, analysts said, profits from domestic operations were held down because prices weren't raised as quickly as costs went up.

EEC, partners fail to agree on tariffs

GENEVA, July 25 (R) — A new world trade pact seems certain to be deprived of a major clause covering restrictions on disruptive imports because of a failure by European and developing countries to agree on new rules.

Olivier Long, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which sponsored the negotiations, told a meeting Monday both sides were still far apart and no compromise could be found between their views.

Negotiations between the EEC to spend \$65 million on solar program

BRUSSELS, July 25 (R) — The European Common Market will devote \$65 million, out of its energy research and development funds in the next four years, to its solar program, community officials said Wednesday.

These figures compare with \$25 million in the program, which ended last month.

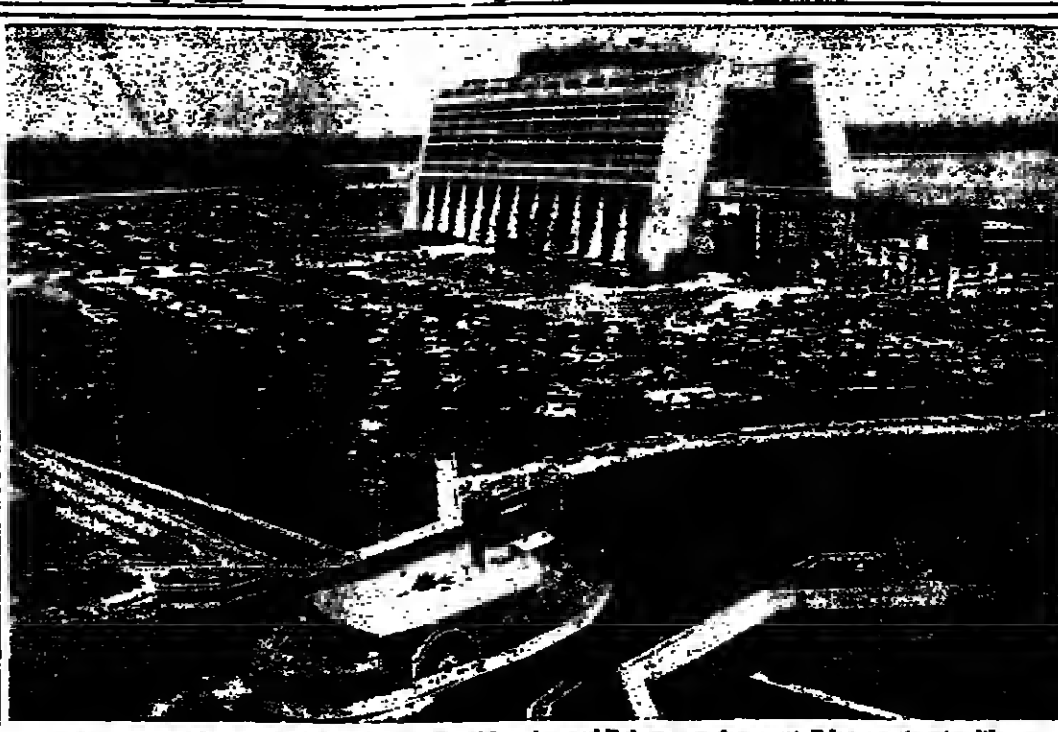
The EEC will spend \$38 million in energy saving projects, more than double the amount devoted to them 1975-79.

European Economic Community and developing states on the import restriction issue were not formally broken off, and are expected to resume in the autumn. But it now seems certain that the proposed new rules will not form part of a new set of trade accords entering into force next January 1, delegate sources said.

The trade package includes an agreement to reduce tariffs on industrial products by about one-third, fair trading codes and three pacts covering commerce in farm products.

The EEC had wanted to amend existing GATT rules so as to be able to apply import restrictions "selectively" to individual countries whose cheap imports were disrupting home markets and threatening domestic industries. Under present regulations such restrictions must be applied to all suppliers of the imports concerned.

Developing countries objected to the European demand because they considered they were the main targets. They argued that the new rules should provide for prior consultation before restrictions are applied, and that these should be subject to security by a special surveillance body. But the EEC refused to agree to this.



OLD AND NEW: The spectacle of an old-style paddleboat makes a striking contrast with a futuristic hotel. The scene is at Disney World playground in the U.S. State of Florida.

U.S. environmental specialists to help control Mexico blowout

MEXICO CITY, July 25 (AP) — The U.S. government is sending environmental protection specialists to help Mexico control the gushing Ixtoc 1 oil well, the U.S. Embassy said Tuesday.

The oil well, 80 kilometers off the shrimp center of Ciudad del Carmen, has been spewing about 30,000 barrels of crude into the Campeche Bay daily since June 3.

The U.S. team, headed by Coast Guard Cmdr. Joel Sipes, is monitoring the gusher and will decide what steps should be taken if the oil spill threatens to contaminate U.S. waters.

Sipes toured the area by air last week, accompanied by an oceanographer and Coast Guard scientists, and determined that "the principle concentrations of oil are found about 300 miles southwest of Brownsville, Texas," an embassy spokesman said.

Local politicians and scientists have expressed concern over the environmental impact of the spill on Gulf maritime life.

Manuel Portilla, researcher in the National School of Biological Sciences at the Polytechnic Institute, wrote in an article that it will take up to 20 years to decontaminate marine species in the affected area.

Pemex, the Mexican National Oil Company, has said that half of the spilled oil burns above the offshore well, but the fire produces little black smoke — a sign of burning oil, that is burning.

The oil spill has reached the coast of Tuxtepec, Veracruz, although authorities say they have cleaned the beaches.

Pemex is currently perforating two "relief" wells to attempt to reduce pressure on the runaway well by injecting cement and other

substances to cap the well. But the relief wells will not be finished until September and last week one injection ruptured, delaying the complicated process.

Pemex specialists estimate that, by the time the well is capped, about 120 million gallons of crude will have spilled into the Gulf.

Ixtoc 1 exploded into flame June 3 when a gas bubble shot up to the surface, caught fire and set natural gas ablaze. The \$22 million drilling platform was severely damaged and towed away. All 63 men aboard were removed unharmed to safety.

Workers have laid flotation beams to contain the spreading oil slick; while other ships are sweeping up the oil from the sea surface.

Pemex has not revealed the extension of the oil slick and claims much of it has been broken up by detergents, winds and tides.

Omani exports of crude take leap in June

MUSCAT, July 25 (R) — Oman's crude oil exports in June were 897,884 barrels more than in May, officials have said.

They said Tuesday June exports were 9,741,484 barrels compared to 8,843,500 barrels in May.

Gold seen gathering weight in worsening inflationary situation

JOHANNESBURG, July 25 (AP) — Gold will continue to play an important role in the world's economy because of high inflation and political uncertainty, say directors of Anglo-American Corp.

In their annual report, for the year ending March 31, the directors of the giant mining company said demand for gold exceeded supply in the past year.

The report also noted the companies gold production declined by four-tenths of one per cent in 1978.

Meanwhile support from the West German and Swiss central government banks steadied the dollar or Europe's foreign exchange Wednesday, and caused the price of gold to fall back from its record levels.

Dealers said the intervention had not been heavy but had succeeded in propping up the dollar for the time being.

Morning dollar rates, compared with late Tuesday.

Frankfurt — 1.8138 W. German marks (1.8102)

Zurich — 1.6348 Swiss franc (1.6325)

Paris — 4.2183 French franc (4.2100)

Milan — 814.35 Italian lire (813.75)

In London, the buoyant pound sterling, up 13 cents against the dollar since July 1, dropped back to \$2.3150 from \$2.3255 Tuesday. Dealers said the Bank of England may have entered the market, selling pounds, and there were reports of profit-taking ahead of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's scheduled news conference Wednesday night.

The dollar's better performance knocked \$2 to \$3 off the price an ounce of gold, which hit record highs on the heels of the dollar's steady decline against the world currencies.

U.S. slips to 8th position in ratings of world GNP

ZURICH, July 25 (AP) — The slump of the dollar made the United States slip to eighth place last year in a list of the world's wealthiest countries compiled annually by Union Bank of Switzerland.

Kuwait, whose currency is linked to the dollar, had to yield to Switzerland the front position on the survey of 53 countries with a per capita gross national product of more than \$1,200.

Union Bank said the combined gross national product — the total of goods and services produced by their national economies — of the 53 countries added up to \$7,790 billion. It said that these countries, with a share of 35 per cent of the world population, produced about 90 per cent of the estimated global economic output in 1978.

Analysts emphasized that conversion into dollars at the median 1978 exchange rate of figures based on national currencies made comparison "problematic" and did not necessarily reflect the purchase power.

Based on GNP at market prices, the Swiss per capita figure was \$13,853 last year, according to the

survey, followed by Kuwait, 13,000, Denmark \$10,948, Sweden \$10,440.

West Germany, eighth in 1978, overtook the United States last year and moved into fifth position largely because of the firm's mark, at \$10.415.

Belgium, at \$9,939, and Norway at \$9,849, also preceded the United States, at \$9,646. The United States had been ranked last year.

Others listed included: 9. Netherlands \$9,397; Saudi Arabia \$9,330; 11. Luxembourg \$9,320; 12. Iceland \$9,013; France \$8,848; 14. Canada \$8,648; 15. Japan \$8,531; Austria \$7,607; 17. Libya \$6,618; Finland \$6,548; 19. Britain \$5,542; 20. New Zealand \$5,222.

East Germany remained the wealthiest Communist country coming next on \$4,940, ahead of 22nd placed Italy \$4,512; Czechoslovakia \$4,090 and \$3,845.

Ireland in 26th position, was least wealthy of the European Common Market countries, at \$3,755. Israel, at \$3,471 Greece \$3,450 and Singapore at \$3,321 trailed it.

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Romania to intensify bid at energy self-sufficiency

VIENNA, July 25 (R) — Romania has announced a draft plan for energy self-sufficiency by 1990 through a rapid expansion of nuclear and alternative energy sources and intensified exploitation of its oil and coal reserves.

The Agerpres News Agency

said Tuesday the draft, which will be presented to the Communist Party Congress in November for approval, calls for nuclear energy to cover about 18 per cent of Romania's electricity needs by 1990.

The sun, the wind and the waves of the Black Sea should generate another 10 per cent of the country's electricity by then, it said. The document also urged accelerating off-shore exploration for oil and gas and increased exploration for new deposits of coal and tar shales in the Jiu Valley mining belt.

President Nicolae Ceausescu said in a speech earlier this month that Romania would have to cut back on some energy-hungry industrial operations as part of its drive for self-sufficiency by 1990.

Romania, once self-sufficient in oil, announced in March that it had become a net importer of crude and was seeking supplies from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Soviet Union.

Energy officials signed contracts last December for the first of four nuclear reactors it plans to buy from Canada. Making Romania the only Warsaw Pact state to import nuclear technology from the West.

Peking urging citizens to build private houses

PEKING, July 25 (R) — China is now encouraging its citizens to build their own houses in an attempt to deal with the country's massive housing shortage, the "People's Daily" said Wednesday.

In an about-face from the previous policy which emphasized public housing alone, the paper said people were being encouraged to build homes for themselves with government subsidies.

As an example, it said the city of Fuzhou in eastern China was preparing to set up construction companies to provide materials and assistance to those building homes, and is already receiving building applications from individuals.

"As long as the application is logical and conforms to requirements, it will be approved and encouraged," the daily said.

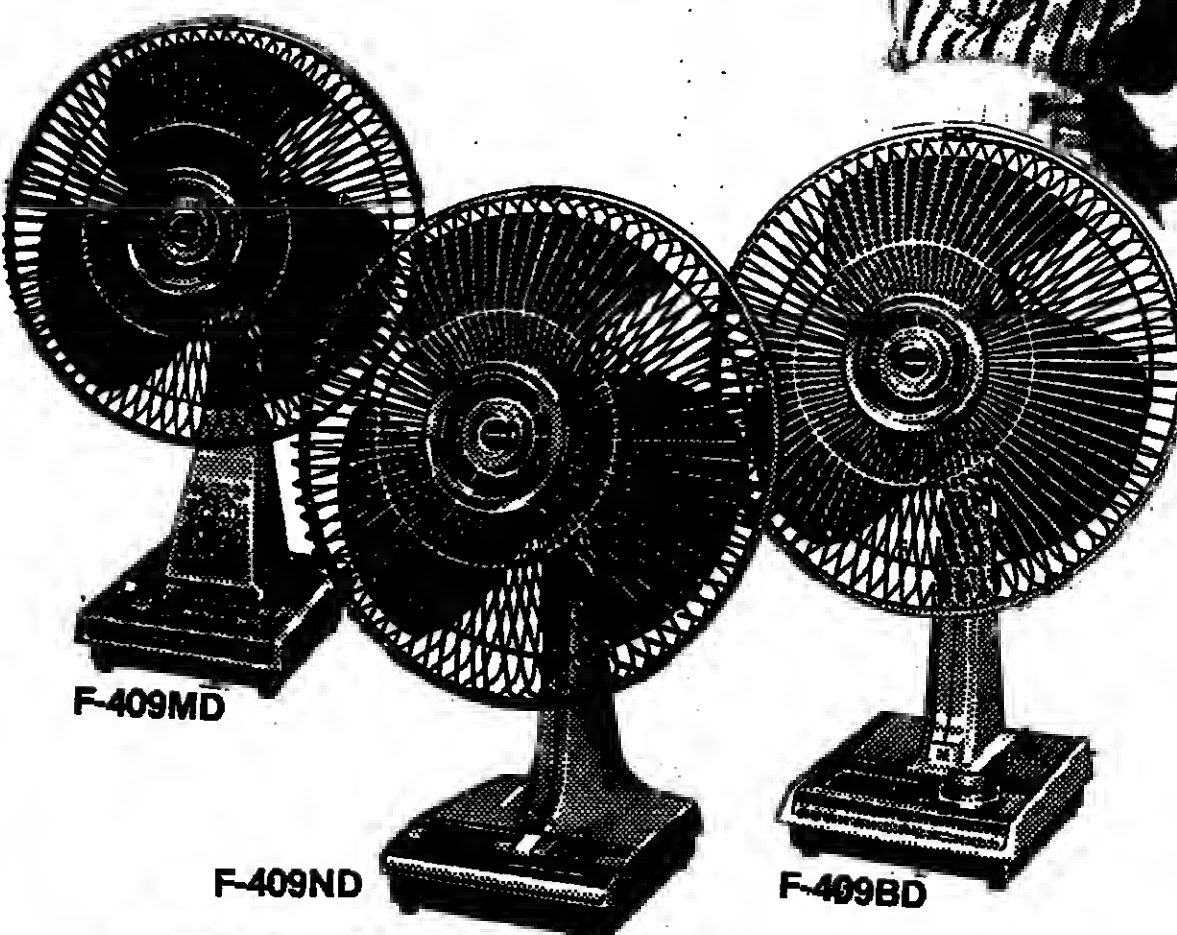
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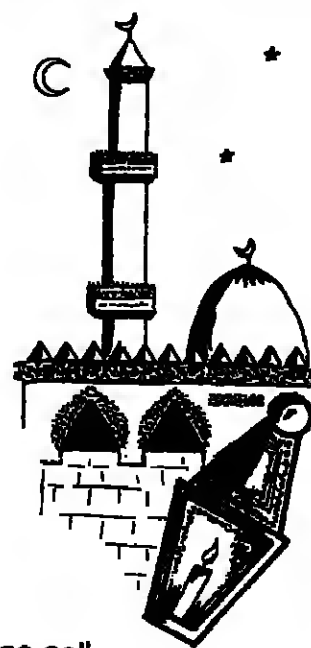
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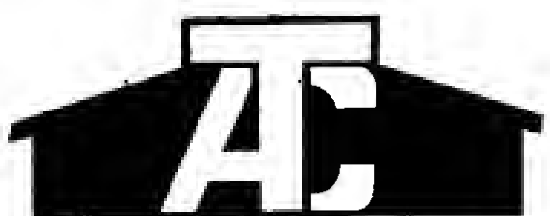
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Pertini on the spot

Craxi abandons attempts to form Italy government

ROME, July 25 (Agencies) — Socialist leader Bettino Craxi Tuesday night gave up his attempt to form Italy's 38th government since World War II.

Craxi told President Sandro Pertini he had failed to end the country's six-month political crisis.

His decision had been widely predicted following the rejection of his initiative earlier Tuesday by the leading Christian Democrats.

"After exploring...the political and programmatic avenues for a possible solution to the crisis, I must stop my efforts in the face of the renewed 'no' of the Christian Democrats," Craxi, 45, told

reporters.

Political sources said President Pertini would mull over the situation before naming a new premier-designate, perhaps on Thursday.

The crisis was caused by the Communist Party's withdrawal in January from a parliamentary pact supporting Premier Giulio Andreotti's minority Christian Democratic government.

This led to a general election in June which was inconclusive, with center parties including the Christian Democrats unable to form a majority coalition without the socialists.

After Craxi vetoed a possible

new government by Andreotti, President Pertini told him he should try to form a cabinet himself.

But the Christian Democrats, who collected 38.3 per cent of the vote in June, saw no reason why Craxi, whose party won only 9.8 per cent, should gain the premiership.

While the crisis continued, Andreotti remains caretaker premier.

Craxi was the first socialist asked to head an Italian government since the end of World War II.

Pertini, himself a socialist, is expected to ask another political leader soon to form Italy's 38th post-war government. Names often mentioned included veteran Christian Democrat Amintore Fanfani, president of the Senate, and foreign minister Arnaldo Forlani.

Craxi on Monday unveiled a program of political action in an effort to break the deadlock, but Christian Democrat leader Benigno Zaccagnini said after a leadership meeting of his party that Craxi's proposals were "inadequate."

He said Craxi failed to give the Christian Democrats a role commensurate with their electoral strength.

Pertini had tapped Craxi after Christian Democrat Andreotti failed in his attempts to succeed himself, largely because of Craxi's refusal to support Andreotti.

Boat the size of bathtub braves perils of Atlantic

FALMOUTH, England, July 24 (R) — Lone American sailor Gerry Spies arrived in this West England port Tuesday night, ending an epic 54-day voyage across the Atlantic in a tiny bathtub-sized boat.

The 39-year-old engineer, looking tired but happy, sipped a drink after climbing out of his boat, "Yankee Girl," the smallest craft to make the 3,500-mile voyage.

He had set sail in the pea-green vessel from Norfolk, Virginia, on June 1.

"Yankee Girl," built by Spies in his garage, is a few inches less than 10 feet long, shorter than any of the numerous boats which have sailed single-handed across the North Atlantic.

He climbed out of the wedge-shaped vessel bare to cheers from hundreds of people and hugged his wife Sally, and his parents, Louis and Jeanette.

Spies had been reunited with them earlier in the day when the three hired a launch and went out to meet him in calm seas a few miles off the coast.

New explosions double oil spillage in Caribbean's worst sea disaster

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, July 25 (AP) — Five firefighters clambered aboard the blazing supertanker Atlantic Empress on Tuesday in a perilous effort to snuff out the fire that has been raging for five days from ruptured oil tanks.

A fifth tank exploded earlier in the day, doubling spillage from the bulk, which is being towed farther out to sea.

The Empress collided with another supertanker, the Aegean Captain Thursday night about 32 kilometers off the coast of Tobago. Both ships caught fire

and 27 crewmen are missing and presumed dead.

It had been feared the accident might lead to the worst oil spill ever involving ships, but only one of the Aegean Captain's 20 tanks was damaged while four of the Empress' 18 tanks were ruptured. A fifth tank blew open early Tuesday in an "onboard explosion," salvage experts said.

Phillip Neal, a Mobil Oil Corp. fire specialist, said the five firefighters boarded the Empress and began hosing down the mid-ship blaze with foam and chemi-

cally treated "light water."

Two tugs also were directing streams on the fire while a third sprayed foam over blazing oil in the water, he said.

Two more tugs were towing the Empress. Its location was given as 160 kilometers northeast of Tobago and 128 kilometers southeast of Barbados.

Neal declined to estimate how long it might take to put out the fire. He said oil pouring from the damaged tanks was being reignited by blazing spillage in the water.



COMEBACK: El Cordobes makes the bull come to him during the famed Spanish bullfighter's comeback appearance early this week at the ring in Benidorm, Spain. The famed matador, who hadn't fought in seven years, earned a record-breaking \$ 123,000 for his triumphal return.

India crisis continues

Desai, Singh both claim majority

NEW DELHI, July 25 (AP) — The rival camps of caretaker Prime Minister Morarji Desai and challenger Charan Singh both claimed more than a parliamentary majority Wednesday in their struggle for control of the government.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy had set a 48-hour deadline late Monday for candidates for prime minister to prove their backing.

The lists totalled 557 members of the ruling lower house — 19 more than the actual membership. Those duplications hold the key to whether Desai, 83, or Singh, 76, will be asked to form the next government.

Raj Narain, Singh's chief lieutenant in the rural bloc leader's year-long feud with Desai, told reporters he submitted a list of 279 names, nine more than a majority.

Desai's list contained 278 names, said M.M. Joshi, general secretary of Desai's Janata parliamentary party.

Desai resigned as prime minister July 15 after defections by Singh supporters cost him his former parliamentary majority of 302 members. Since then he has headed a caretaker government.

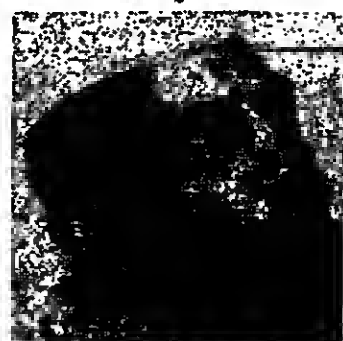
Tuesday, Desai's Janata Party, hoping to gather a majority to form a new government, moved to attract back members who defected during India's two-week political crisis.

Party President Chandra Shekhar said that members of parliament no longer will be permitted to deal with a militant Hindu group the Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which the defectors accused of dominating the party.

"For all practical purposes, the



Morarji Desai



Charan Singh

Janata Party stands delinked from the RSS," he told a news conference. The RSS had been aligned with Janata's Jana Sangh faction which included External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee.

Singh on Tuesday won the formal backing of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who controls 71 seats, when her parliamentary party leader wrote to the president to confirm its support for Singh's Janata-Secular Party. Singh's own group claims 88 seats in the 539-member lower house.

However, Mrs. Gandhi's favor cost Singh of the support he counted on from the parent Con-

gress Party which she bolted 19 months ago in a bitter leadership dispute, and from socialists and Communists, who consider her authoritarian.

The Marxist Communist Party, India's largest leftist group, with 22 votes, nullified an earlier decision to back Singh and decided to stay neutral in the light of Mrs. Gandhi's support. It has become clear that if Singh becomes prime minister his government "will be heavily dependent on the Indira Congress for its survival and existence," the party politbureau declared.

Singh tried to deal with the hostile reaction by playing down the backing from Mrs. Gandhi.

The rural bloc leader issued a statement to "colleagues in parliament" declaring that "it would indeed be unfortunate... if support of the Indira Congress (party) from outside is made much of."

He said he was relying mainly on the Janata defectors, the old Congress Party and "progressive forces" when the Gandhi party support "came to me unconditionally."

If too much emphasis is made of this support, he said, it "may lead to re-installing a government which would be totally under the baleful influence of fascist communal elements. I would like to assure that nothing has been done by me to compromise my relentless fight against communalism and authoritarianism."

Singh's party of Janata defectors meanwhile lost out on its attempt to freeze the funds of Desai's Janata Party. A district judge refused their request for a court order.

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Bangladesh Airline hijacker surrenders, all passengers safe

CALCUTTA, July 25 (R) — All passengers of a Bangladesh Airlines plane hijacked to Calcutta early Wednesday were released late in the day, the Press Trust of India reported.

The news agency said a hijacker gave himself up and all 37 people on board left the aircraft, a fokker friendship which had been hijacked on a domestic flight between Jessore, in western Bangladesh, and Dacca, the country's capital.

Earlier reports said there were three hijackers.

The hijacker had threatened to blow it up at Calcutta's Dum Dum Airport unless he was paid a one million dollar ransom.

Airport sources said Wednesday the hijacker, who spoke both English and Bengali, had given the authorities until 0800 P.M. (1430 GMT) to meet his demand. Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Atiquzzaman Khan negotiated with the man prior to his release of the hostages. The lone man hijacked it immediately after take-off, forcing it to land shortly after 8.30 A.M. (0300 GMT).

A woman passenger and her two-and-a-half-month-old child were later freed.

The woman who was freed earlier Mafuja Khatun, a Bangladesh national, said she saw the hijacker in the passengers' cabin.

All passengers were believed to be Bangladesh nationals.

Police sources said the hijacker had asked for food and drinks.

Para-military police surrounded the plane and other aircraft during the negotiations. But the airport stayed open to domestic and international traffic.

Airport authorities sent food parcels to the plane as demanded by the hijacker who was believed to be in his teens.

The freed passenger, Mrs. Khatun, 30 said that shortly after the plane took off a young man began waving a revolver and ordered passengers to fasten their seat belts and keep their hands down.

"We did as he said because he threatened to blow up the plane with a bomb planted somewhere in the aircraft," she told reporters.

She said the young man told the passengers he had two other men with him.

Judge rules Nixon tapes may be played by public

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — A U.S. federal judge has approved government plans to provide for public access to the tapes of former President Richard Nixon.

U.S. District Judge Aubrey Robinson, Jr. Tuesday ruled the government would not violate Nixon's rights by making the tapes available at listening centers across the country.

Robinson's one-page order gave no explanation for his decision.

Nixon's attorneys argued that the plan to allow the public to hear the actual White House tapes could violate the "presidential privilege of confidentiality," Nixon's "right to privacy" and the former president's "right to control the dissemination of his voice."

Nixon had suggested the tapes could be made available through transcripts or summaries, but the government responded that such methods would take too long.

Moreover, the government said, transcripts or summaries could damage Nixon's rights since there would be a greater chance of inaccuracies.

Robinson also approved the government's plan to have archivists review Nixon's recordings to determine which are public and which are part of his private diary and should be returned.

Nixon said the diary recordings were made on dictation belts while the recordings of conversations often were picked up by the White House taping system.

Earlier this year, Nixon reached an agreement with the government to cover public access to all materials left behind by his administration except for the tapes and dictated diaries. Unless he challenges Robinson's order, the government would now be free to see the papers and hear the tapes.

The regulations for reviewing Nixon's tapes and making them public were issued by the General Services Administration under a 1974 law.

Kenya boat capsizes claims 47

NAIROBI, July 25 (R) — Forty-seven people are feared to have drowned when a crowded boat capsized near Lamu, on Kenya's east coast, late Tuesday the official Kenya's News Agency reported here.

Seventeen bodies have been recovered and 30 people are missing. Fifteen passengers from the boat have been admitted to hospital.

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Russian AK-47 retires as lightweight AK-74 debuts

LONDON, July 25 (R) — The Soviet Union appears to be putting into service a new rifle, to replace in its forces the famed Kalashnikov AK-47, the stubby, rugged assault weapon favored by many armies and most guerrilla groups across the world.

Col. John Weeks, a leading British small arms expert, reported that the Russians' new rifle was the smaller caliber AKS-74.

The Russians seemed to have joined in what he described as a small arms revolution, a transition to rifles of small caliber, which would "alter the equipment and weapons of infantry all over the world."

The new Soviet rifle fires a 5.45

mm bullet, compared with the slower, heavier 7.62 mm slug of the AK-47.

The United States already has in service a small caliber infantry rifle, the M16, and Western armies are soon expected to equip themselves with new weapons which, like the M16, would fire a 5.56 mm round.

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